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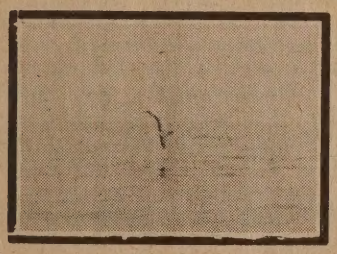

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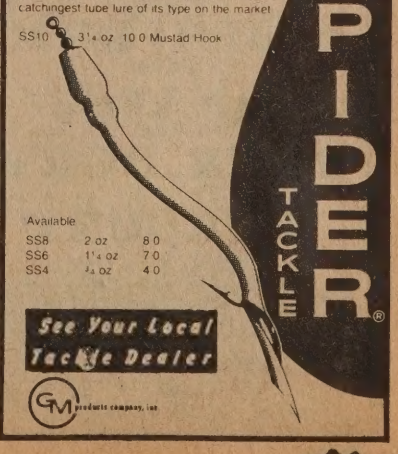

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★ FROM THE EDITOR'S HEAD ★

N.O.F.I.S.H. NEWS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Highly placed officials in the State Department have leaked plans to News Service reporters that an agreement between the United States and Japan is imminent, which would guarantee Japanese commercial fisherman eighty-five percent of the blackback flounder (*Pseudoparalichthyes americanus*) resource on the Atlantic Shelf.

Furthermore, sources indicated that legislation will be introduced in Congress to send special technical advisors to Japan. These advisors will attempt to educate the people in techniques of cooking flounder, and to wage an advertising campaign to promote the use of the species. This legislation will be necessary because, at the present time, the Japanese people do not eat flounder and have expressed no interest in the species.

Officials have stated that in return, the Japanese Government will give to the United States absolutely nothing.

Furthermore, State Department leaders expect that there will be much opposition to the plan from East Coast recreational flounder fishermen and coastal zone environmentalists. In order to solve these problems, The Regional Fisheries Management Councils have been asked to look into the matter with an eye towards making recommendations which will solve the anticipated problems.

It is also thought that United States commercial fishermen may organize opposition to the agreement. However, high sources say commercial opposition will be futile. During negotiations with the Japanese, it was suggested that U. S. interests could sell the fish to Japanese packing companies. Japanese officials, however, rejected this idea, and insisted that they must harvest the flounder themselves.

Officials argued that the American people will benefit from the "Good will" which will be generated by the success of the plan. For this reason, State Department Diplomats decided to allow the Japanese to engineer all aspects of the harvest. One reporter asked why U. S. officials did not insist on a bilateral agreement, instead of the unilaterally beneficial pact that has been agreed upon. If, indeed, any arrangement was necessary at all, a bilateral plan might help solve current pressing problems on the home front, such as high unemployment among commercial fishermen, the balance of payments deficit, and the current poor state of recreational marine angling activities.

Officials countered that we must not be blinded by our desire for immediate gains and solutions. Some agreements are reached in order to achieve more abstract, long-range goals.

When pressed further about our regional unemployment and other problems, high sources stated that when compared to the sophisticated nature of international relations, local problems were of no consequence. The chief State Department spokesman for this operation, Assistant Under-Secretary W. Shark, stated flatly that plans were already in the works to solve existing domestic problems. Mr. Shark said:

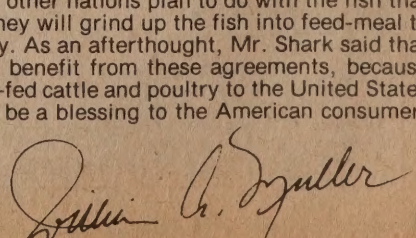
> "Unemployed commercial fishermen will be retrained under a Government grant, to work in weapons and munitions factories. The need for additional personnel in these industries will result from an anticipated war with the Russians which will develop when they discover our plans to give the flounder to the Japanese. Recreational fishermen are expected to quiet down later this week, when the Food and Drug Administration places a ban on the touching and eating of flounders due to the recently discovered high levels of radioactivity in the species."

When asked if news of radioactivity in flounder will upset the Japanese, Mr. Shark stated flatly that he thought that it would be foolish for the Japanese Government to "look a gift horse in the mouth."

Other nations have expressed interest in guaranteed high percentage harvests of our coastal species. Mr. Shark stated that although the details of future international fishing agreements could not be discussed at this time, many nations are interested in the following species: striped bass, bluefish, fluke, sea bass, cod, pollack, weakfish, porgy, blackfish, blowfish, whiting, ling, and bergalls.

Since it has been leaked to this reporter that all of these species will shortly be banned from sale or harvest in this country by the FDA because of high levels of insecticides and other toxic chemicals, giving them away to foreign nationals will have no impact upon domestic activities.

When Mr. Shark was asked what other nations plan to do with the fish that they take from our waters, he stated they will grind up the fish into feed-meal to be used as fodder for cattle and poultry. As an afterthought, Mr. Shark said that in the end, the American people will benefit from these agreements, because foreign nationals plan to sell their fish-fed cattle and poultry to the United States at very inexpensive prices, which will be a blessing to the American consumer.



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Final regulations governing the catch of cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder by domestic fishermen have been published by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Foreign fishermen are not permitted to retain any of the three species.

These are the first final regulations published by the Service that implement a fishery management plan developed by one of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Atlantic Groundfish Plan was developed by the New England Council.

Emergency regulations were implemented on March 14th under the Act by Secretary of Commerce, Juanita M. Kreps and expire on June 12th.

Under the final regulations, effective June 12th, the quota of 10,000 metric tons of yellowtail flounder that may be caught east of 69 degrees west longitude, are allocated on a quarterly basis as follows: January 1 through March 31, 1500 mt; April 1 through June 30, 2500 mt; July 1 through September 30, 3500 mt; October 1 through December 31, 2500 mt. An additional 4000 mt may be taken west of 69 degrees, principally as a by-catch when other species are caught.

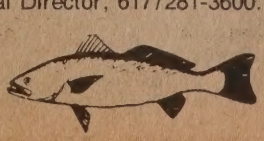
The allocation for cod caught by recreational fishermen has been deleted from the final regulations because of insufficient catch data needed to establish such an allocation. In order to obtain the necessary data, all vessels that carry passengers for hire will have to keep logs and record where the fish are caught, the approximate number and weight of cod and haddock caught daily, as well as the number of people fishing.

Fishermen may not keep any cod or haddock less than 16 inches long, except that 10 percent of the weight of the total catch by commercial fishermen may be undersized fish, and recreational fishermen may keep a maximum of two undersized haddock or cod per angler each trip.

United States fishing vessels catching any of the species must have proper size identifying markings, in a manner described in the regulations.

These changes which appear in the final regulations are the result of recommendations of the New England Fishery Management Council after a study of the emergency regulations.

For additional information, contact the Regional Director, 617/281-3600.



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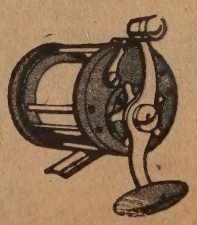

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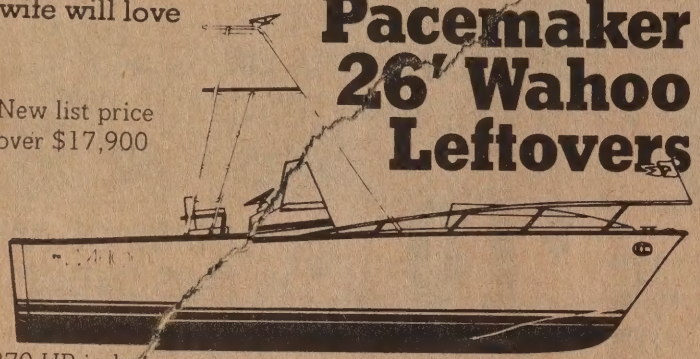

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Ostrom won with a cast of 399 feet, one of the longest ever recorded in the tournament. In addition to this, he took second in the individual conventional accuracy contest with a total of 38 points. While he was the top winner from GSBMS, two other members also took trophies. George Ehmann, in his first contest ever, took the spinning accuracy contest with a total of 65 points, and Kurt Babcock, a junior member, won the conventional distance contest for juniors with a throw of 265 feet, 8 inches.

On June 11th and 12th, the Zebco Division of the Gladding Corporation sponsored a fishing contest. Unfortunately, the fish decided to be elsewhere. When this contest ended, points were tallied with the Patchogue Fishing Club taking first with 143 points, and GSBMS second with 141.

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Docking facilities at the Marine Basin will be available to tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

This year's entry fee will be $125 per boat. There will be no anglers fees, but each boat must list all anglers on application. Each boat entered will receive one slab of bait and one can of chum per day. Any entrant who desires additional bait or chum than is provided and included in the entry fee, it will be available. Prices for additional bait and chum will be at prevailing rates payable on delivery.

A meeting of anglers will be held on Thursday, July 14th, at the Marine Basin big boat building at 8 PM sharp. At this time, the boat numbers, tournament badges and literature will be distributed. General conduct and questions concerning the tournament and rules will be answered and explained at this time.

The entry fee includes two tickets to the clambake dance party on Saturday, July 16th, 8 PM, at the Marine Basin dockside. Additional tickets are available at $10 each. Early dinner reservations are suggested.

Pass It On...

1977 ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA REGULATIONS

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the Department of Commerce, has announced the 1977 regulations designed to help conserve the supply of Atlantic bluefin tuna.

The new regulations follow those of the past two years with certain amendments based upon the recommendation of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The regulations are needed because additional fishing effort for Atlantic blue fin tuna has increased the risk of exceeding the annual quotas for this species. The intended effect of the regulations is to ensure that fishing mortality of Atlantic bluefin tuna is limited to 1975 levels.

The 1977 regulations are effective immediately, and will remain in force until superseded or suspended.

Anglers catching bluefin weighing from 14 to 115 pounds will have a daily limit of four per day, with an incidental catch allowed of one under 14 pounds, and one in the 115 to 300 pound class—provided that the total daily limit does not exceed four fish.

Fishermen taking giant tuna, i.e., those weighing 300 pounds or more, while using hook and line or harpoon, must obtain a certificate, which is free of charge, from the Regional Director, NMFS, Gloucester, Ma. An annual quota of 2,000 giants has been set, with 150 of them available to fishermen west and south of a line drawn into the Atlantic Ocean from Gay Head Light on Martha's Vineyard and 1,850 north and east of this line. One giant tuna may be taken each day through August 13th; thereafter, no more than seven each week. Vessels used in the giant tuna fishery must be able to travel to and from the fishing grounds under their own power.

Fishermen keeping giant tuna must affix an identification tag, furnished by NMFS, to the narrowest part of the fish near the tail. For those fishermen that catch and release giants, it is mandatory to tag each fish with tags supplied by NMFS before releasing it.

Purse seine fishermen must be certified to take fish in the 14 to 115 pound category, as well as those specimens weighing 300 pounds or more. The annual quota for 14 to 115 pound fish is 1,000 short tons, of which 800 tons may be taken during the open season, with 200 tons reserved to be taken at any time during the year incidental to a tagging program. The annual quota for giant tuna by purse seine is 180 short tons. Also, there will be a special scientific purse seine quota of 25 short tons of fish weighing between 115 and 300 pounds for purposes of obtaining biological information.

Purse seine vessels and gear must be inspected by an NMFS agent prior to fishing at the beginning of the season and purse seine fishermen must make daily reports of their catches to NMFS. The mesh size of the purse seine is now restricted to 4.5 inches in the main body, and 8 inches in the selvage; the net may not have a thread count of less than 24. The overall length of a purse net cannot exceed 2,700 feet.

The regulations were issued under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Conventions Act of 1975, which ratified U. S. participation in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The commission is the major international body concerned with the conservation and regulation of the Atlantic bluefin. The commission was established in 1969 for the purpose of maintaining tuna and tuna-like fishes in the Atlantic Ocean at levels which permit maximum sustainable catch for other purposes. Members of ICCAT are Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Ivory Coast, Japan, Korea, Morocco, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, and the United States.

Copies of the complete 1977 regulations may be obtained from the Director, NMFS, NOAA, Washington, DC 20235, or the Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, MA. 01930.

For additional information, contact the Regional Director, tel. 617-281-3600.

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Nav-Com Vice President, Jack Provenzano checks the reading on a Loran-A receiver, while Gene Schiavone (left), Anchorage sales manager, helps Nav-Com President Gerry Gutman, place the correct Loran numbers on the first Loran Checkpoint sign. As an aid to mariners using the Loran-A or Loran-C systems, Nav-Com Incorporated, has begun placing checkpoint signs all around Long Island.

LORAN CHECKPOINTS TO HELP L. I. MARINERS

The Long Island boating community gained a valuable new service recently when "Nav-Com Loran Checkpoints" were established at strategic points at Marinas, and on bays and channels around the Island. Each checkpoint enables a mariner to compare his Loran-A or Loran-C receiver against a known navigational fix before heading offshore.

"That way," explains Gerry Gutman, Nav-Com's president, "he can confirm that his Loran receiver is working accurately before he really has to rely on it."

Like many good ideas, the checkpoint system is basically very simple.

Gutman and technicians from Nav-Com, Incorporated, the North Lindenhurst marine electronics distributor, printed up a supply of large, blue-and-white signs on sturdy aluminum.

Each sign shows Loran-A and Loran-C chains operating around Long Island, along with correct LOP readings for the precise spot in the bay or channel where the checkpoint sign is posted.

As a boat passes the checkpoint, the navigator can easily compare his own Loran readings with those shown in two-inch-high numbers on the sign.

Boat owners at the Anchorage Marina in Lindenhurst, where the first Loran checkpoint was established, are more than pleased with the new service, according to marina president, Lou DeFrisco.

"A good many of my customers have already made the Nav-Com Checkpoint part of their standard procedure before putting out to sea," DeFrisco says. "Knowing their navigation equipment is right on the nose gives them that little extra peace of mind."

Gutman hopes other marinas will follow his lead. "We have plenty of signs," he says, "and we'll be happy to help set up a Nav-Com Loran Checkpoint wherever significant numbers of Loran-equipped boats are moored.

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Uncle Homer's Knots

by Bob Roberts

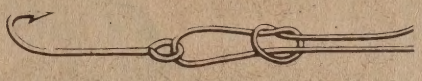
"A strong, new knot proven on blues, weaks, stripers & largemouth bass."

Homer Circle, angling editor of **Sports Afield**, is a meticulous fisherman, who doesn't want a tackle failure when he hooks a whopper. He spends many hours testing knots, for instance, and looking for new ones that he can depend on.

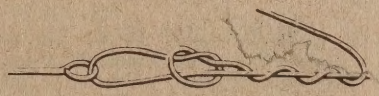
"Now, I think I've found one to hold the full/test strength of my line," says Uncle Homer, as he is known by the fishing fraternity.

Featured in the June issue of **Sports Afield**, Uncle Homer's Knot is unlike any other connection developed to attach hooks, lures or other terminal tackle. During an extended test period, many knots were tied in a range of pound/tests of "Stren" fluorescent monofilament line and sent to DuPont's laboratories in Wilmington, Del., for critical evaluation by line and knot strength recording equipment. The tests showed the knot held from 95 to 100 percent of the basic line strength consistently.

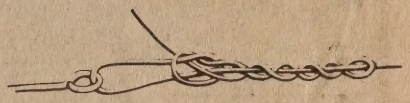
Following are step-by-step drawings and directions for tying Uncle Homer's Knot.



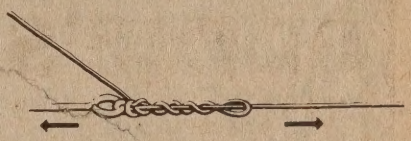
1. Run the line through the eye of the hook, swivel or lure, leaving the tag end about six inches long. Now tie an overhand knot with the tag end around the standing line, just above the eye.



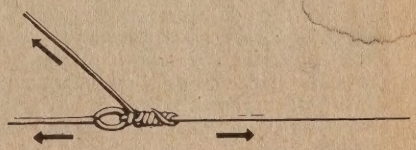
2. Pull on the tag end to draw the overhand knot down, but do not tighten this knot. Loop of knot must remain open. Next, make three turns with the tag end around the standing line in the direction away from the hook



3. Bend the tag end around the standing line. Holding the loop this turn makes with thumb and forefinger, make three more turns back toward the hook. This brings the tag end back to the overhand knot. Run it through the loop formed by this knot.



4. Pull the hook with one hand and the standing line with the other to snug the overhand knot tight against the hook eye. Leave tag end loose at this point.



5. Keeping tension on the hook, grasp tag end in teeth. Pull tag end and standing line in opposite directions to draw the two sets of wraps down into a neat spiral. Pull as tight as possible. With heavier pound/tests, pliers may be used to pull tag end for final tightening.

As with most knots which involve turns around the standing part of the line, Uncle Homer's Knot is particularly effective with pound/tests up through 20-pound line. Above this line strength, larger line diameters make it difficult to tighten the coils sufficiently and the knot may not hold the full pound/test rating of the line.

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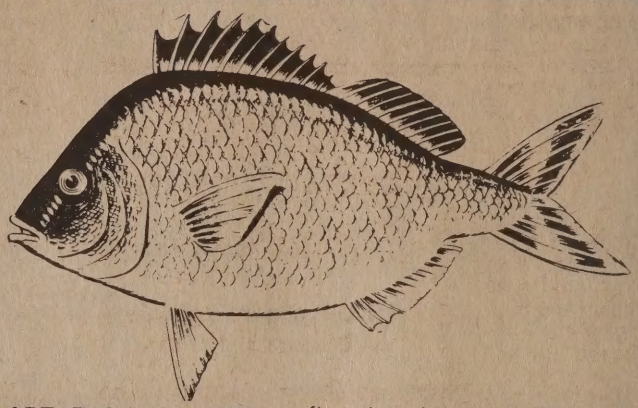


SCOTT SIMON'S LAMENT: "If only porgies grew to twenty pounds, nobody would fish for striped bass anymore." This is our Managing Editor's basic and recurring philosophy, and maybe he's right! You know porgies do put up one heck of a fight, and on light tackle, a three-pound fish can be quite a challenge! But for all their spunk, they fail to make runs and prefer to dog for the bottom. A twenty pound porgy would more likely fight like a small grouper. Alas, it's only interesting conjecture!

YOU THINK THAT THE LOCAL CATCH IS IMPRESSIVE? We previously stated that the New England catch of porgies was about six million pounds, but the total yearly catch is an impressive fifty million fish! When you consider that these critters average about one to two pounds, that's a total yearly poundage of up to 100 million pounds

WE CAN ADD THE PORGY TO THE LIST OF SEXY MARINE FISH! Actually, the creatures of the sea are very prolific, because feeding patterns and migrations are not nearly as precise in the sea as they are on the land. On land, predators can wait in ambush for their prey. They can see the prey, often noticing them while they are still many miles distant. The sea, however, is a fluid world and thus, the patterns of life are much more flexible. Since the seas of the world cover about 70 percent of this planet's surface, the interaction of prey and predator, is often a matter of chance. Thus, nature tries to make up for the poor probability of a chance encounter by providing great abundance.

PORGIES LAY BUOYANT EGGS. Even a small school of spawning fish may cloud the water in their vicinity with the billions of eggs and sperm which are released. The eggs hatch in about forty hours and begin the struggle for survival as free swimming fish. The toll on the eggs is tremendous, and small fish may gather to feed on the cloud of eggs even before the spawning process is complete. The newly-hatched porgies feed on small invertebrate animals like copepods, amphipods, worms, larvae, and shrimp.

PORGIES BELONG TO A LARGE ORDER OF FISH, the Perciformes. The family includes an impressive list of game fish. These include: snook, sea bass, walleye, tilefish, bluefish, cobia jacks, pompano, dolphin, snappers, and the grunts. Porgies are a family of fish known as the Sparidae. We tend to think of our own scup as the only "porgy," but other "porgies" include the porkfish, jolthead porgy, and sheepshead. As a group, they have a world-wide distribution.

PORGIES ARE EASY TO CATCH, and therefore are a favorite of anglers of all ages. They can be taken in protected bays and sounds, and are, therefore, an excellent choice for young, beginning fishermen. But they can also be taken offshore, where party boat patrons catch the larger hump-backed adults.

TACKLE CAN BE SIMPLE! Any kind of tackle will suffice for porgies. You can use short boat rods or limber spinning outfits. Reels need not have sophisticated drags and rods of any quality will do. Small hooks are best since the fish have small mouths. Sproat hooks are used by many porgy fishermen, and the favorite size is a number One. Many anglers construct a "porgy tree," that is, they tie two, three, or four hooks, about one foot apart on short leaders. The hooks are attached directly to the main line with dropper loops. The first hook is placed just above the sinker and the remaining hooks are staggered upwards.

A VARIETY OF BAITS WORK WELL! Many fishermen prefer skimmer clams because they are readily available and the cost is modest. Others use seaworms, squid, grass shrimp, or crabs.

CHUMMING SEEMS TO BE IMPORTANT, BUT NOT A MUST! Because the porgy is abundant, many fish are taken without the help of chum; but fishermen find that a weighted chum pot filled with crushed clams, mussels, cat food, ground bunker, dog food, or canned salmon, helps to keep the fish in the vicinity of the boat.

WHERE TO FIND PORGIES! These fish usually gather over some type of bottom that has plenty of small life in, or, on it. Rock reefs are favorite hang-outs because there is plenty of small barnacles, worms, shrimp, clams, and mussels. However, one of the very best fishin' holes for porgy are oyster beds. The oyster bed is a veritable supermarket for bottom feeding species. In addition to the porgy, you'll likely catch sea bass, blackfish, fluke, and flounder, in season. Mud bars and mussel beds are also excellent choices. In areas where there is a large tidal fluctuation, the bottom can be checked out at low tide for signs of abundant bottom life. At high tide, porgies are likely to feed on these grounds even if only a few feet of water covers the bottom. Although sand bottoms are usually associated with relatively barren communities, this is not always the case. Some sandy bottoms are very productive, especially if the sand is mixed with mud, or if there are a number of widely spaced rocks, pebbles, or boulders.

HOW TO HOOK A PORGY! Some fish require patience and a gentle touch. A flounder will suck in a bait, and the fisherman must exercise some patience before striking. Likewise, a fluke must have time to work its way to the hook. But the porgy strikes abruptly with a series of short taps. The fisherman should not hesitate, and must strike immediately with a short crisp upward thrust of the rod tip.

TO COOK A PORGY! Although these fish may be cooked in a variety of ways, they seem to come out best when they are fried. Fillets should be batter-dipped. Pancake batter mix is a good start. The chef can then add seasoning to taste: a little thyme, onion salt, celery salt, oregano, paprika, and pepper are often used embellishments.

FRY 'EM UP CRISP, YOU DON'T EVEN TASTE THE BONES! I don't remember where I heard that, but the angler was right on the money. Porgies, or any fish for that matter, should be cooked hot and fast. Slow cooking may save a little spattering, but it's a slow death for the taste of the fish. Most cookbooks and seafood experts recommend cooking fish at about 380 degrees.

A FINAL WORD FOR CONSERVATION! Even though porgies are very abundant right now, let's not forget that, for a few years, their numbers declined severely. Therefore, let's throw back the little guys and keep those fish which are easier to fillet anyway. Good fishing!

Navigation & Seamanship

with Capt. Irv Levine

Chart Symbols & Abbreviations

Ripped out planking, bent shafts, twisted wheels, cuts and bruises, sinking of a vessel, might have been avoided had the skipper navigated a safe course for his journey. I don't think I am exaggerating or being melodramatic because the shipyards are up to their ears in repairing damage caused by skippers either ignoring chart symbols or not understanding their meaning. "Ignorance is bliss," should be excluded from the mariner's vocabulary. It has no place in boating. Charts are a nautical road map, detailing the best and safest routes, dangerous obstacles, landmarks, plotting and measuring courses.

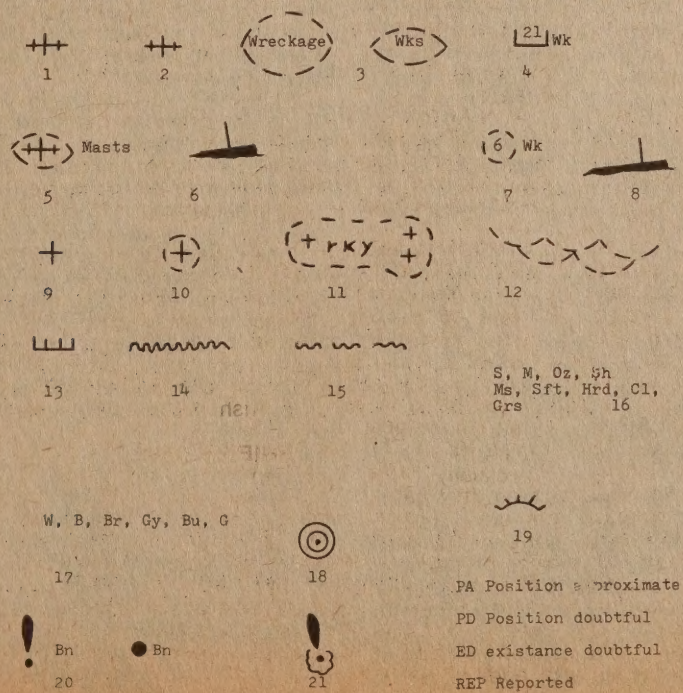
This chapter deals only with symbols and their meanings. Space does not permit all the symbols and meanings to be published. However, you, as the skipper or navigator, can purchase Chart #1, which is actually a booklet, from almost any marina for $1.50. This booklet illustrates all the symbols and their meanings. The National Ocean Survey (N.O.S.) employs five colors and many shades of colors to designate a very specific condition that is worthy of your attention. White = Water, Blue = Shallow Water, Green = Areas covered at flood and bare at ebb, Yellow = Areas not covered at flood, but may be affected under extreme weather conditions. With this information at hand, you might not qualify as a real estate expert, but if somebody tries to sell you waterfront property and its location is colored green on your chart, make up your mind—are you building a house, or planting a rice paddy?

Slanted or vertical wording was designed to call your attention to a particular feature or fact. The rule of thumb is: if an object is covered or uncovered, due to tidal flow or afloat, the description or abbreviation is represented by slant lettering. Land-based objects shall be represented by vertical, or straight up and down lettering. Depth of water, feet, or fathoms, will be designated in a vertical position. It would be negligent of me to omit this statement: **Never make an assumption. Use the latest charts.**

You and I can't be expected to know every symbol, so I have taken the liberty to select important symbols and abbreviations that are normally encountered on a day's outing. The buoy symbols will be dealt with in another chapter exclusively for the lateral system. It would be a good idea to combine this chapter, and all future chapters on navigation with a marine chart for study purposes and mark that chart "For Study Purposes." 1. Sunken wreck **not** dangerous to surface navigation; 2. Sunken wreck **dangerous** to surface navigation; 3. Wrecks or wreckage; 4. Sunken wreck cleared by wire drag; 5. Wreck with only masts visible; 6. Wreck always partially submerged; 7. Wreck over which depth is known; 8. Wreck showing any portion of hull or superstructure (above sounding datum). **Note:** Whenever you cannot determine the symbol, and should there appear to be dotted or dash lines around it, then consider it dangerous to your craft. Better safe than sorry. Refer to Symbol 3. This symbol indicates by the figure in the three-sided box, depth that the wreckage has been cleared to the surface. Never make an assumption; is your particular chart calibrated in **feet** or **fathoms**? 9. Sunken rock; 10. Sunken rock dangerous to navigation; 11. Limit of rocky area; 12. Breakers; 13. Fishing stakes; 14. Submarine cable (Power, Telegraph, Telephone); 15. Abandoned cable; 16. Sand, mud, ooze, shells, mussels, soft, hard, clay, grass. **Note:** Understanding the ocean floor can determine if your anchor will hold. Example—a mud bottom M is not desirable. 17. White; Black; Brown; Gray; Blue; Green. 18. Radio Beacon; 19. Radar reflector; 20. Light beacon; 21. Riprap surrounding light; 22. PA, Position approximate, PD, Position Doubtful, ED, Existence Doubtful, REP, Reported. **Note:** 21 should be approached with extreme caution. These are generally land buoys surrounded by large rocks or boulders to prevent the action of the waves from eroding the surrounding land on which this buoy is stationed. Many times these rocks are dislodged and spill into the sea, and therefore, are dangerous to surface navigation. Never look for short cuts when plotting your course. Lay off an extra five degrees on your plot to be very safe and then, only then, when you are sure, correct your course. When a skipper can correctly and effectively combine: Rules of the Road, Navigation and Seamanship—then he is a Mariner. Knowing how to fish, rigging the correct tackle, where the fish are located, certainly takes skill; but to get to those fishing grounds and back, requires a mariner's knowledge.

This chapter is the beginning of a series of chapters on buoys and basic navigation, using the compass rose.

We all have egos to some extent, and speaking for myself, it's very gratifying when somebody addresses me as Capt. Irv. They are simply saying, "I respect your knowledge." It would indeed be a glorious day if the title Capt. were commonplace.



Surf Side with John Fritz

JULY PROSPECTS

The early part of July presents us with the last remnants of the spring run of striped bass and weakfish. As the month progresses into the dead heat of summer, the fishing scene passes into what is commonly known to the surfcaster as the "Summer Doldrums." The situation is not entirely hopeless for the beach-bound angler willing to ply the water's edge under the mantle of darkness. Then again, there are always those untamed schools of savage bluefish which periodically provide battle along many beachfronts of the Island. These later arriving schools pick up the action when the bass fishing drops off, and carry the surfcaster through the summer months to blend eventually with the fall bass run.

For the first week of July, any strategy which is working for you at the end of June can, of course, be continued. As the catch becomes reduced, your techniques will have to change in order to compensate for the different conditions. The feeding habits of the bass will change and this, combined with the more intense use of the water by persons other than fishermen, will have to be taken into account.

Schoolie bass should continue to be taken on sandworms at night. Breezy Point and Riis Park are readily accessible to fishermen, but the Rockaways—where entrance is attainable—should not be overlooked. Dawn and dusk action on swimming plugs or pencil poppers, can make the loss of sleep or a cold supper worthwhile. If a choice of either must be made, give up your sleep, for the period around sunrise is generally the more profitable time.

Nighttime work dunking from the jetties of Atlantic Beach, Long Beach, and Pt. Lookout, will produce many sand sharks, but also school bass for the persistent rock jockey. Here swimming plugs worked in close to the jetties, may be just what that cow bass, cruising for her evening meal, is seeking.

Jones and Fire Island inlets will produce schoolies at dawn on tin, while during the hours of darkness, your Rebels and Red-Fins worked slowly through the surging currents are the ticket. The bar at Democrat Point is all but wiped out by the dredge, but high outgoing at the jetty coinciding with dawn or dusk, has yielded small bass. As of this writing, not much can be said about the bar west of this jetty. Investigation, after the "Big Scoop" leaves, will have to be worked at.

Sandworms, eels, bunker, and clams, take some fish at night along the sandy beaches towards Montauk. Some regulars, using clam bellies in the Gilgo area, continue to take fish throughout the summer. Here again, the dredge can hinder your activities.

If you can find some way to repel the hordes of ruthless mosquitoes, the State Channel from Pt. Lookout to Fire Island, fished at night is one of your better bets. Light tackle using Rebels and Red-Fins is the procedure, although when bunker schools are present, larger plugs can be used.

Bass should still be evident off the tip of the eastern jetty at Shinnecock for the knowledgeable fisherman using tin, plugs and bucktails. Caution should be used, as this is a jumble of slippery boulders adjacent to strong currents. Fishing bait at night on the beaches west of this inlet will reward the persistent angler.

Those of you who qualify and are equipped to reach Moriches Inlet, can take bass using these same methods.

Hard-working plug casters will continue to pick bass along Montauk's boulder-strewn south side, using 7" Rebels, Red-Fins and Atoms. Along the north side, the smaller versions of these plugs, used at night mainly on the outgoing tide, will produce fish from Scotts to Shagwong. The Lighthouse area should not be left out, especially for those of you who prefer to fish dawn and dusk, when your popping plugs and tin can be used.

Sandworms at Ditch Plains, Turtle Cove and the north side to Shagwong, are for you bottom fishermen. Pencil sinker on fish-finder rig is the terminal gear to be used.

The North Shore of Long Island remains the same, with diminishing results as the month progresses. Which is to say swimming plugs used after dark along the rocky points of the North Fork and any point accessible, right to the city line. Special emphasis is given to such rock piles as Mt. Misery, Crane's Neck and Centre Island. The inlets of Mattituck, Stony Brook and Nissequogue are prime spots to cover for small bass with an occasional lunker thrown in for spice. Here in the swift flowing water, your swimmers and whiptails are good producers.

Bait can be employed from these beaches with success. In past years, mackerel chunks and sandworms have worked well at the harbors. Eels at Wading River are sometimes rewarding, as is the use of bunker along any beachfront accessible.

Bluefish, as so often stated, are sporadic in their wanderings, but when the run is heavy, they seem to prefer certain locations over others. Naturally, they are seeking food and the greatest concentration along the South Shore tend to be found around the inlets. The schools of smaller blues often venture deep into the bays in their search for prey, surprising many fluke fishermen in the process.

Tins and poppers at dawn, sometimes at dusk, at Jones, Fire Island, Moriches, and Shinnecock Inlets before the boat traffic gets too heavy. Often the ebb is the most productive, but these fish are erratic, so anything can happen and often does.

Mackerel and bunker fished at night along any sandy beach near an inlet, is often seized by these blue devils—sometimes to the dismay of the hopeful bass fishermen.

The Montauk Light around to the rip at North Bar, are well-known stomping grounds for these schools of blues. Heavy tackle, throwing the normal daytime lures, are the standbys in these fast, rock encrusted waters.

Long Island's north shore can be visited at any daybreak by the bluefish schools. Hegeman's Landing, Cedar Beach, White Beach, Sunken Meadow and Crabmeadow, are a few of these possible scenes of mayhem.

The latter part of July does allow us to pin down these free-roaming fish somewhat. This is when the corral the bunker inside the harbors and feed—usually around dawn. Mt. Sinai, Port Jeff, any of the four harbors off Huntington Bay, Cold Spring, Oyster Bay and Hempstead Harbor, all have taken part in this slaughter in the past. Access to public beaches is your main problem, but you city dwellers can have the action in your back yard. Keep your eye out for bunker schools in such areas as Little Neck Bay, the cove west of Fort Totten and Jamaica Bay.

Weakfish, while dropping off last year from their peak in '75, can be fished in the same manner as you plug for the smaller bass. Employ your light tackle using five inch Rebels and Red-Fins along the State Channel, inside the inlets and along Montauk's north side from the Lighthouse to Gin Beach.

The same can be said for Long Island Sound, with the weaks plying the same waters as the bass.

The days are getting hotter, and the resident bass and weaks are scattering about, settling into their summer habitats. In order to score, the surfcaster will have to work a little harder than was necessary so far this season. Make sure you have fresh batteries in your necklight, and a plentiful supply of bug spray. Venture forth at night when most sane people are downing their gin-and-tonics at poolside. Even if you don't catch any fish, at least you won't have a hangover in the morning.

FISH IN HOT WATER

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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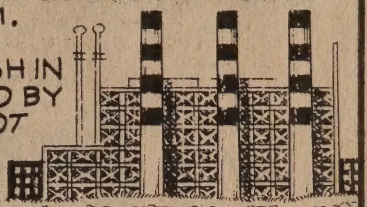

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with Matt Ahern

PORGY FISHING

Part Two

Last week we discussed methods used to catch sea porgies in the deep, offshore waters. Emphasis was placed on wreck fishing. If this particular type fishing appeals to you and the article was missed, I suggest securing a copy. Information for ordering is on page three of this issue.

Except for the temporary residence of large sea porgies making their spawning run into the Peconics in early May, most inshore waters produce smaller porgies for summertime anglers. There are two sizes available: the small, pesty, bait-stealing sand porgy, and the larger, more desired fish called bay porgies by most fishermen. These weigh from one-half to one pound, and are the target of many anglers.

Tackle required for bay porgies is no problem. Any type will work, even a drop line, but unless the proper stuff is used, there won't be much fun in the catching. A light spinning rod with a matching reel capable of holding 100 yards of ten pound test monofilament line is ideal and will enable fishermen to milk the sport to the Nth degree.

A light boat rod can be used too, but if you intend doing your fishing from shore, you'll find spinning tackle the better choice; with it, you'll have little trouble casting to the deeper spots. This is important, as these areas are more likely porgy producers.

Rigging for bay porgies is easily done. As most bay porgies are caught over hard, packed sand, it is best to use a tandem rig. This allows two hooks to lie flat out on bottom, where they must be to do the most good.

It is surprising how many anglers with years of fishing experience have difficulty tying a tandem rig. I've shown dozens of fishermen how to do this; some pick it up immediately, others succeed the first time, and then have trouble the next time around. This is something I never could understand, because it's really very easy to do.

The best hook to use for bay porgies, in my estimation, is either a number six regular-shanked Sproat or a number eight Virginia. You'll need two hooks of your choice to tandem-tie. Fold the snell of one hook at its middle and place this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Then take this second hook and run it through the fold of the first hook and pull up snug. Secure with an overhand knot, and you're in business. It's simple, easy to do, and takes seconds. Practice a few times before you go fishing and you'll be able to do it blindfolded.

The rig should be placed about two inches above a one or two ounce bank sinker, using either a 1/0 three-way swivel or a one-inch loop made with a double-overhand knot. The choice is yours. If the area you fish is known for fast currents, you might do better using the swivel to keep the rig from twisting about the main line.

For casting, you can use a sinker snap and place rig and sinker together. You'll lose some of the sensitive feel perhaps, but it does put your hooks where you want them, with much less tangling.

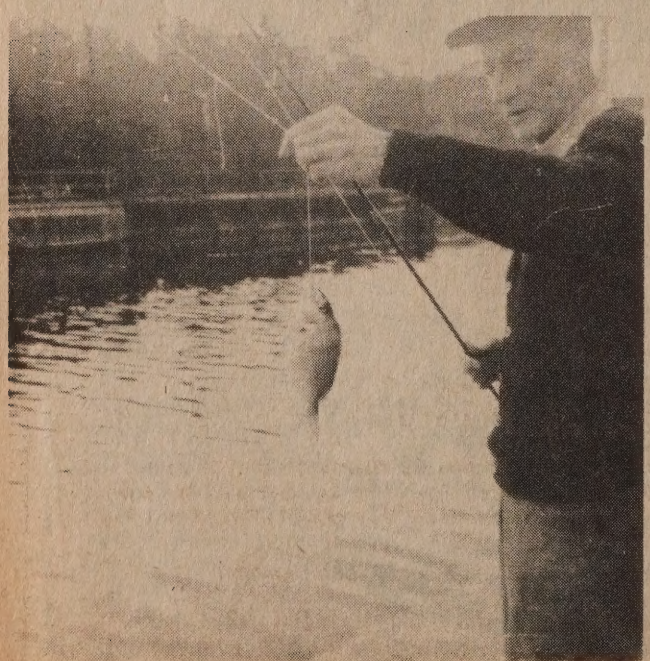
There are several baits you can use, some more productive than others. Sea porgies dote on skimmer slices and bay porgies are no exception. They seldom refuse a juicy slice of skimmer, but for all-around fish-catching ability, nothing beats an inch-and-a-half piece of sandworm. Bloodworm will work, too, but not as well as sandworm. To bait-up, pass the hook through the worm and bring it out about a third of an inch from the end. It is important to do this. When the porgy nips at this soft part, the hook is automatically taken and hooking becomes easier.

Skimmer clam, hard clam (chowders), and soft clam (steamers), have lured many bay porgies to the hook. You won't get much bait-return from hard or soft clam as you will from skimmer, but if the skimmer is purchased in frozen condition, it is necessary that you know if salt has been added before freezing.

If it contains salt, take a tip from me and forget it. Either buy fresh clam in the shell, or consider laying in a supply of sandworm. When salted skimmer is thawed, it often has a bleached appearance and the meat tends to become rubbery. Needless to say, porgies aren't fools, so don't think you can put it over on them by using old bait—it won't work.

Squid is a so-so porgy bait. They may take it, and they may not, depending I suppose on what kind of mood they're in. But it is good bait to have along because when porgy fishing in the bays, weakfish can always be expected.

To cash in on this possibility, use a 3/0 Sproat on a three-foot leader tied in about thirty inches above the sinker. Bait with a pennant-shaped slice of squid about three inches long. Run the hook through once only, at the widest part and



Medium-sized bay porgies like this put up a good scrap on light spinning tackle.

Porgy fishing can be fun for the entire family.

allow it to wiggle in the current. This is the reason for using sturdy ten pound mono instead of light four to six pound test. You'll have a better chance of landing weakfish with the heavier stuff. I've caught many weakfish with this simple rig, and it's highly recommended.

When preparing clam bait, slice lengthways so that some of the soft stomach remains with the bait and near the hook. This soft stuff is what bay porgies relish. Keep in mind that bay porgies have small mouths, but don't be fooled by this and use too small a piece.

If you slice your clam into thin, narrow, inch-and-a-half pieces, you'll do better than those fishermen who barely bait the hook point. I sometimes think this is why these fishermen finish the day with plenty of sand porgy bites, but nothing worthwhile in the bucket.

The same applies to the use of squid. Don't be afraid to use those thin, narrow pieces. Remember, too, to always make sure the point of the hook is exposed when using these baits. In fishing, it's the little things that put fish in the bucket.

Porgies will accept fish bait on occasion. I remember fishing the Sag Harbor jetty one time when my fish were conspicuous by their absence. I tried the usual worm and clam baits, and outside of an occasional fish, I was doing poorly.

There was one fisherman up the line, however, who seemed to be having no difficulty whatsoever. Finally, I could stand it no longer and asked what kind of black magic he was using. His answer—which was quite surprising—was small slices of sea robin. He cheerfully shared his bait and I began to catch fish immediately. I've tried it since then; sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but it's a good thing to keep in mind. Small spearing will often work, too.

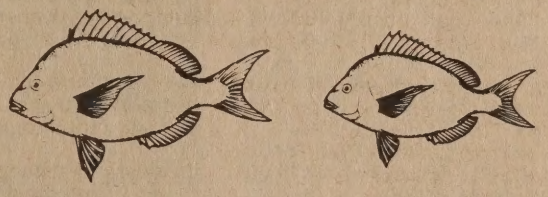
Muddy areas of bays will produce few porgies, but packed sand and mussel beds will—especially if there are breakwaters, jetties, and groins in the vicinity. These are the areas that hold porgies all summer long. This applies whether you are fishing from shore or a skiff. Always look for the deepest water in these areas. If you're fishing from shore, cast out as far as possible. You've got to reach where they're feeding.

One place that has produced many bay porgies for me and one which immediately comes to mind is the jetty at the northwest corner of Shinnecock Canal at the Peconic Bay entrance. Porgies stay around there all summer long and hundreds are caught. This section of the Canal is never too crowded, especially if you get there early in the morning. The best fishing is at the end of the jetty. If the locks are closed, fishing can be done on the Canal side, too. Skiff fishermen can anchor-up near the red buoy and give it a try. Some form of chum, broken clam shells, etc., will help here when skiff fishing.

To reach this spot, take Sunrise Highway to the Hampton Bays exit, then pick up Montauk Highway at the diner. Go left and follow this a couple of miles to the Shinnecock Canal Bridge and turn left at the first bridge exit just before going over the Canal. This is Newtown Road. Follow to end, a matter of a mile or less, turn right and the Canal is right before you. You'll find the jetty at the beginning of the Canal. Plenty of free parking, too.

Besides porgies, you may catch an occasional fluke, kingfish, flounder, and perhaps a mackerel. I don't guarantee you fish (who can?), but I can truthfully say I've never been skunked here. This is only one of several such fishing spots out east. When fishing, check with other anglers in the vicinity; I'm sure they'll tell you of others.

Fishing for bay porgies can be fun for the whole family. You won't catch any monsters, but you'll have a pleasant day in the sunshine, sharpen your fishing skills, and have some fine eating for supper. What more can you ask?



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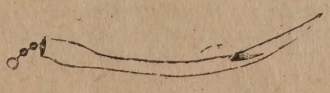

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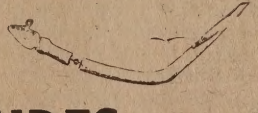

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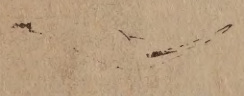

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BLUEFISHING

★ PART ONE ★ CHUMMING

by Ron Onorato

1976 was a year that most bluefishermen would like to forget. To sum it up quickly—for the most part, the season was a total disaster. With the exception of Montauk which had reasonably good bluefishing for most of the season, the North and South Shore blues were almost totally absent. By mid-summer, it was almost impossible to find any blues from Jersey all the way East to Fire Island. There would be a very small body of fish here, and then they would take off and show up there—so on, and so forth. Up on the Sound, the problem was even worse, with hardly any fish at all showing up. It seems to be the agreement of most, that the main bodies of blues never came far North this season at all. Apparently, the area of oxygen-depleted water caused the blues, as well as other species to alter their migration patterns. Areas to the South of Jersey had an extremely good season with the blues. So it seems that there are still enough blues around for a good season on Long Island if there aren't anymore serious environmental problems.

Hardest hit by the scarcity of fish was the chumming fleet. The mainstay of the summer party boat fleet, the lack of blues caused great economic hardship to many party boat owners. The small boat trollers had a little better luck with the fish, but not that much. The time honored diamond jiggers and casters had little action except at Montauk, because what few fish were around, were very scattered.

Well, the future isn't that dismal, and a good season is in store for this summer, I believe. In the next couple of weeks, we'll take a look at some of the time honored methods of bluefishing such as chumming with bunker chum, trolling, and diamond jigging and squidding—all of which have their application at certain times and certain areas.

Part 1—Chumming with Bunker Chum.

Chumming with bunker chum is perhaps the most widely practiced method of bluefishing on Long Island today. As many anglers have found out, big blues are a sucker for a good chum line of bunker. When the fish are scattered, there is no quicker way to bring them to your boat than by ladling out some ground up goodies. However, in these days of increased fishing pressure and less fish, even chumming has become a little more specialized, with the educated anglers getting the best catches.

Chumming is simply dispersing some ground up fish or other items, and attracting other fish to its source whereby they will begin to feed. When bluefishing, the chum that is just about exclusively used is ground up bunker. The bunker is an extremely oily fish and really emits a strong odor in the water that can be smelled for some distance. The bluefish, which relies heavily upon its nose to smell out some food, is readily attracted to a slick of bunker chum.

Author bounces bluefish aboard taken while bunker chumming.

Let's take a look at the chumming itself, and we'll see that there is more to it than just dumping over the ground fish. Once you have selected an area you believe to hold fish, your basic goal is to get these fish feeding in close proximity to your boat where they will take a baited hook. Hence, you just want to draw the fish, not feed them with the chum.

Depending upon the wind conditions and the area you're fishing, you'll either chum at anchor, or drift. Logically, drifting is the preferred method as you can cover a wider area—so we'll examine that first. Once on the grounds, you want to get a fairly heavy dose of chum going to let the fish know you're there. Go to one of the five gallon tins of unfrozen bunker, and with the ladle, scoop over several batches of chum as is. After you've removed a couple of inches of chum from the top of the can, now is the time to dilute it with sea water. Take a half a pail of water and pour it into the can of chum, and with the ladle stir it up a bit. The resulting mixture is a thick, pea-like consistency liquid that is now ladled over.

The boat is drifting lazily along, so you have to maintain a continuous flow of chum as the boat moves along. This is where you have to moderate the flow, but keep it consistent at the same time. A rule of thumb here is to ladle a scoop of chum over the side when the previous ladle full of chum has disappeared from sight. This is maintained until some action is forthcoming.

What many skippers like to do is spice the chum up with other bait to further induce the blues. Usually small spearing or chunks of butterfish or smelt, are tossed over the side at varying intervals. When the blues are a little picky, this chunk bait can be very effective.

Now that a good chum line is going, we move on to the critical area of properly presenting a bait to the fish. While the average angler will take fish from a slick, the sharper fishermen will do better overall; this is especially true when the fish become selective in their eating habits.

As the bluefish enter the chum slick, they begin feeding on the pieces of chum as they drift down and are carried by the current. When you understand this principle, you can see how it is necessary to try to present a baited hook so that it appears to be part of the chum. It must appear to be drifting naturally, and must not appear stationary, or it will drift out of the chum slick.

Conventional reels get the big nod over spinning tackle mainly because they allow greater line control. The picture

Paper readout from fish recorder shows a huge school of blues hovering over the "Oregon" wreck off Jones Beach. Wreck appears on lower right part of paper, and directly under school.

ooks something like this: as the boat is drifting along, particles of chum are carried away from the boat, and are traveling at varying depths. As you place the baited hook over the side, judge the speed at which the chum is moving, and then keep the baited hook moving at the same speed. This is achieved by keeping the reel in free spool and peeling out line at all times. In this manner, the bait will appear to be moving naturally with the chum. One of the biggest mistakes many fishermen make is to keep the bait suspended at one level, rather than drifting it back. This is self-defeating, because by keeping the bait stationary as the boat drifts, will cause it to rise to the surface and out of the slick.

Once you've got the bait drifting properly, keep on feeding line until you get a hit, or a hundred feet of line is out. If you don't get any action, feed out more line the next time, as the fish may be way back in the slick. If the drift is a bit on the fast side, it may be necessary to add a tiny shot of lead to keep the bait down.

Hook sizes will vary a little; but blues are pretty large mouthed, so you'll need a pretty good sized hook on most occasions. A 7/0 O'Shaugnessey or Claw type hook are about the most widely used. These hooks are rigged with a four inch shot of wire leader, to get around the sharp teeth of the blues. You can buy them ready-made at most tackle shops, or make your own. If you make your own, 100 pound wire is about the heaviest you need go, and on occasions when the water clarity is good and the fish are leader shy, you may have to use fine wire—say about 40 pound test—to get more hits.

Baits used can vary to just about anything you care to use. Blues will take the following baits in a chum slick: butterfish, smelts, bunker chunks, or mackerel chunks. In fact, when the fish are feeding heavy, they will take just about any fish bait. Rigging the bait on the hook isn't too difficult, the bait is threaded on the hook once or twice, with the barb being exposed. Since these baits will be fairly small, the blues will usually swallow them in one piece. If the bait is too big to swallow, the fish will try to chop it. As the bait is drifting along, the bluefish will pick it up and eat it. This is signalled by a rapid flow of line off the spool, and is often called a "runoff." The thing to do here is to give the fish an extra second or so to get the bait down before engaging the reel. Try not to let the fish have too much time or he will swallow the wire leader too, and cut the mono line quickly. After a few times, you'll get the hang of it.

If you're into fish, it is important to keep the slick continuous or you may lose the fish. In most cases, there are other boats in the area and once you lose the fish, they will move to another slick and stay there to feed.

When the boat is at anchor, a different condition exists as far as bait presentation is concerned. The boat is usually anchored when drifting is not feasible due to wind, or you're fishing over a wreck or other piece of ground where the fish are pretty stationary. As many enterprising skippers have found out, when the blues are scattered over the open ocean, they will often congregate in small schools over many of the deep water wrecks. They feed at all levels, including the bottom, as they forage on such food as sea bass, bergalls, and porgies. When this is the case, the fish are sometimes hard to coax into a chum slick.

Once the boat is anchored, it will be held either by the tide or the wind. If the tide is stronger, all the lines will flow from the stern of the boat. If you run into a wind against the tide situation, you don't know which way the bait will drift. Either way, the bait is usually sent to the bottom by adding an ounce drail a few feet ahead of the baited hook. Once the bottom is felt, the bait is then pulled up a few feet. If there are no hits, then the bait is pulled up a few more feet, and eventually the right feeding zone will be found. Once the blues start hitting, and move off the bottom, they can often be held near the boat with a chum slick. When fishing under these conditions, and the normal baits don't seem to be producing, don't be afraid to go to a slab of fresh bergall, or sea bass on the hook. Sometimes this will turn the trick.

One of the biggest problems chummers seem to encounter—especially during the mid-summer doldrums—is to get fish feeding into the slick, but spurning any baits presented to them. Going to finer wire leaders and smaller hooks, sometimes will turn the trick. Of late, one of the biggest successes in this area is the weighted tube lures that appeared on the market recently. This lure is simply a large piece of surgical tubing, in either red or green color, with an ounce or two ounce drail inserted into the tube with a large single hook extending from the tail. When cast out into the slick and slowly retrieved, this lure will take fish when they refuse to take bait. About the best one on the market is the Spider tube lure.

When some fish are taken, care must be taken to keep the fish from spoiling. Blues spoil easily enough, but chum blues seem to go even faster. An insulated fish box is a must. Even with a fish box, don't put too many fish inside or they will crush each other, and you'll end up with a load of soft fish. The best thing to do here is to take a break from the fishing, and have someone fillet the fish, or at least gut them. The fillets then can be kept cool in a separate container. Blues that have been feeding on chum for any length of time acquire a somewhat stronger taste than normal, but they are still good to eat—especially when fresh. Frozen blues can be eaten, but they are not as good as the fresh stuff.

Bigger blues should be gaffed, preferably near the head.

Mako Madness

by Dick Mermon

THE TAUT BLACK LINE clipped to a makeshift holder, suddenly snapped free with a resounding sound, settling on the water. Before Sig could reach the rod, the line straightened and spun unfettered from the reel, with ear-piercing static. As fast as it began, it ceased, laying dormant in the water again. When Sig lifted the rod from its holder, it triggered the release of what looked to be a launched missile from below the water's surface. Straight up it rose, taking bait and line with it, reaching a point where its climb failed, stalling in mid-air—then came crashing backwards into the water.

"MAKO" ... "MAKO," was the shout, and all hands took to their prearranged locations in preparation for a fighting, leaping shark. The reel sounded its alarm once more, as line revolved from its spool. Quickly, Sig struck back with the rod, trying to imbed the hook in a secure location. Feeling piercing metal in its mouth, the shark vaulted some thirty yards from the boat, somersaulted, and came directly down onto the almost invisible black line, parting it from its captors. It was as though the shark had built-in radar to know the exact location of the line.

Before all the hullabaloo of "Jaws," few anglers knew the sensation of hooking into one of several shark species frequenting our shores. Sig Signorelli, of Massapequa Park, N.Y. and I, have been into this "big game fishing" for several years prior to the ficticious monster's appearance, and like many other anglers, hunt Mako shark, but never turn away any other that should happen along. Because of its predilection to do the unpredictable, leap without warning in any direction, and its palatable flesh, it has become almost an obsession to catch. Singled out as the number one shark sought, tournaments revolve around it. Because of its sharpness, there seems to be no definite, set pattern to its habit. Occasionally, few circumscribed methods fall into perspective. Still, big game anglers must prepare for the unexpected, or even familiar, visits from other species of sharks such as hammerhead, dusky, tiger, white, blue, and porbeagle.

Chum is a necessary mess when fishing for sharks, and freshness of the attractor is what counts. Wholesome, minced menhaden (moss bunker) produces an oil so vital for appeal to the shark's sense of smell. This keenness of smell runs equal only to that of their vibration sense, which picks up impulses of injury or something stilted within its surrounding area. Fine, pulverized bunker is blended with sea water to form a broth, or is placed into special containers and secured to a drifting boat, permitting a slow dribble of chum into the water. Most commonly used is the soup form, which is ladled into the water with a broad distribution. This widespread, broadcasting method amplifies a chum slick, covering more territory, allowing each bait to ride within the scented area.

Addition of small steak sections cut from bunker, mackerel, butterfish, herring, or whatever is available, can be supplementary spice in a chum line. While the menhaden consomme is spooned out, sectioned tidbits are dropped in also. These pieces become food for cruising sharks to feed on as they work their way into a slick, seeking the source. As they approach, it is the baited hook collaborating in the odorous line that they find.

Sounds, or noise is essential and not a hindrance in shark fishing. Any clamor which can be created on the water surface produces low sound waves (vibrations), which are sensed by sharks from great distances and they seek them out. High pitched sound vibrations such as whistles, sirens, or yelling, are not attractors. Shooting into the water, firecrackers, thumping on the boat, pounding the water with a bucket, splashing on the surface with a mop, hitting a submerged metal pail, are the acceptable noises. Even the thrashing of a

Bobby Mermon chunks sections of bunker for added spice to the odorous allurement of the menhaden soup.

Capt. Sig Signorelli attaches the shoulder harness to his son, Frank, easing the agony of fighting a shark with just a belly gimbal. Note the line clip attached beneath the reel out of the way.

tied shark sends out the important signal to other sharks.

These creatures are known to be voracious feeders, assaulting almost anything offered: but there are preferred enticements by Mr. Mako; mackerel seems to be the most commonly employed bait by fishermen. Sharks always seek schooling prey whenever possible; for it is easier to put them into panic conditions, causing confusion with a mass, rather than attacking stragglers. Since live bait is fresh forage when consumed, a baited hook should have the same. Recently frozen mackerel is well-suited for fishing; while old baits can be utilized as chunk chum. By their nature, Makos sometimes require a little more enticing, passing up well-disguised hooked mackerel. Other shark species care not what is placed at their disposal—if they are hungry, they eat it. Sometimes even if gorged, they will inhale a bait because of its appeal. In fact, I have thrown a large plastic worm at various species of sharks and had them take it. Sig's boat, the **3 Sea Sons**, is always well prepared as far as bait—in both live and dead stages. Bunker, mackerel, butterfish, and squid, are frozen but the live tank contains eels, large killies, and sometimes snappers (baby bluefish). When things get a bit squeaky in the bait situation, a small gillnet is dropped prior to the day's shark run, securing some active enticements.

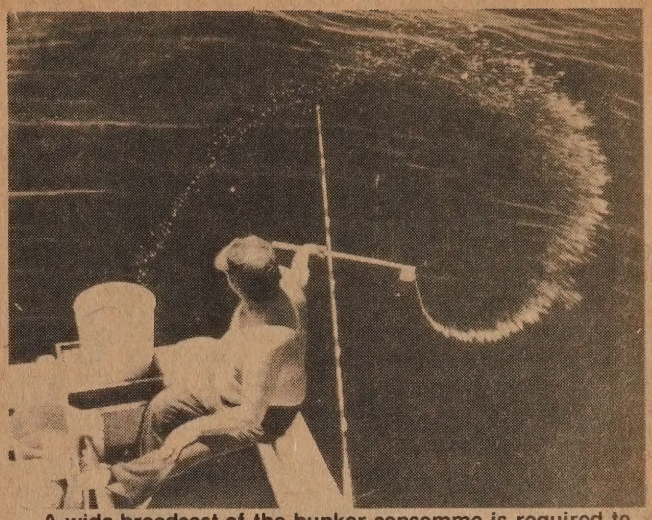
Most sharks like oily-flavored food, such as mackerel, bunker, bonito, and even bluefish. A question usually arises at this time that blues are tremendously swift-swimming fish, and no shark could catch one: but the presence of a predator in schooling blues causes utter panic, which slows the fleet-fin bluefish down, thus becoming the prey. Makos can devour a seven pound blue in its whole state, and will even take on larger ones in the same way: here is a primary bait when Mako madness has taken hold of a fisherman. Bluefish not only migrate from the southern Atlantic states northward in May and June, but also come across the eastern part of the Atlantic Ocean from the African Coast, intercepting other schools. Makos usually travel in search of these migrant blues, feeding upon them, as well as any other forage in its path. When bluefish become a nuisance to the anglers' baits, it could be a sign that there are sharks prowling the waters also. If a sudden break-off of bluefish activity occurs, it is possible a shark has made an appearance, with Mr. Mako leading the list.

Since bluefish are favored delicacy for Mako shark, why not offer them one. Usually the forerunners of bluefish schools are large, with bull heads, sunken bellies, and hungry appetites. A fillet quarter attached to a hook should bring a strike from a cruising shark. When a blue is taken alive that is not too enormous, it is placed onto a hook and floated out via a sectioned float. Most of the time when a blue is released in this fashion, its activity pops the float from the line. A light, **coup de grace** on the forehead, between the eyes with a thumper, slows it down enough to create cripple vibrations for a shark to detect.

The other oil and bloody bait that can be utilized, is the bonito, especially when filleted and drifted away from the boat on a float. This fleshy cut is not only enjoyed by a toothy critter with long fins, but are also eaten by the bluefish. Patience must be shown at the presentation of this section-cut bait.

Live baits provide an additional edge which may be an answer for the day. Eels are especially accepted by most species of shark, especially hammerhead and Mako. Live killie fish, tossed out with bunker soup and chunk sections, supply activity in the odorous slick. These small, energetic bait fish attract bonito, tuna, albacore, bluefish, and dolphin; in turn, bring forth sharks. Anything extra supplied to the chum line is in an angler's favor, amplifying the chances of hooking into a Mako.

Proper hooking or placement, sometimes plays a fundamental role in luring the right shark. Big game fishermen have their own preference as to style hook and size. Some prefer a Sobey fashion, others Martu; but no matter which model, its size range is from 10/0 to 14/0, depending on magnitude of the bait and its activeness. When drifting dead mackerel, we favor 12/0 Sobey's, and smaller in floating fillet sections. Each bait must look as though it is in a natural position, whether it be lofted by a float or drifted by itself. With a floating bait, the hook is placed into the back section, in front of the dorsal fin. A rapidly drifting boat drags a floated bait along at an angle, sometimes spinning as it is towed, when back hooked. If conditions such as this occurs, a hook is



A wide broadcast of the bunker consomme is required to expand the chum slick, covering a larger area.

A float-held mackerel is hooked through the back so it will seem to be swimming in its proper angle.

inserted into the bait's mouth and brought out through the bottom of the body. A short length of wire fastened to the eye of a hook, is then passed through both jaws, securing them closed; this keeps the bait from spinning, or twisting a perfectly good line out of shape. Sinking hooked baits are always placed in this location because of their manner when being towed by a drifting boat. Live enticements are usually hooked through their back sections, and floated at pre-desired depths.

Levitated baits seem to be a positive manner of presenting a hidden hook. There are all types of floating materials which have been tried. First we used inflated balloons, but soon found that sharks liked them as well as the bait itself. Playful fish rubbed against the poised balloon, and at time even bit them sinking the hand-out bait deeper than

desired. We also found that a burst balloon leaves a small amount of waste attached to the line. This slight rubber piece always become lodged at the tiptop and prevented line from passing onto the reel. One simple solution was to discard the use of balloons and switch to cut sections of styrofoam. Small segments of foam are pre-cut on the way out to the fishing grounds, and place out of the way. Each segment has a center slice where line from the reel is wrapped into it several times. Once a bait is positioned at a certain depth, line is slid into the cut and wound about the section. After it is floated away from the boat, the bait is held at that particular depth until a fish takes the offering. Sudden downward pressure of a strike at the bait, draws a floating foam section under, splitting it in two, releasing the line, and the fish feels no tension.

Another means of keeping a bait within a certain depth, is the use of styrofoam drinking cups. Line is coiled inside a cup several times; then a second cup is pushed into the first, securing the line within. When a bait is taken, the force separates the cups, permitting a free falling line. This method is similar to that of a foam section, for both parts separate upon the dynamic strike.

Tackle (rod and reel sizes) depends upon the sportiness of the individual, each choosing what is best, but having thorough knowledge of its operation. Some anglers feel 50 pound class equipment is sufficient for almost all species of sharks found cruising our shores. Others believe in 80 pound class for full control on a fish, especially when "Mr. Biggie" arrives on the scene. During tournament fishing, Sig and I put all our faith in 80 pound tackle: competition is competition, and winning is everything. Any other time, lighter rods are set out, including spinning tackle for a change-of-pace fight.

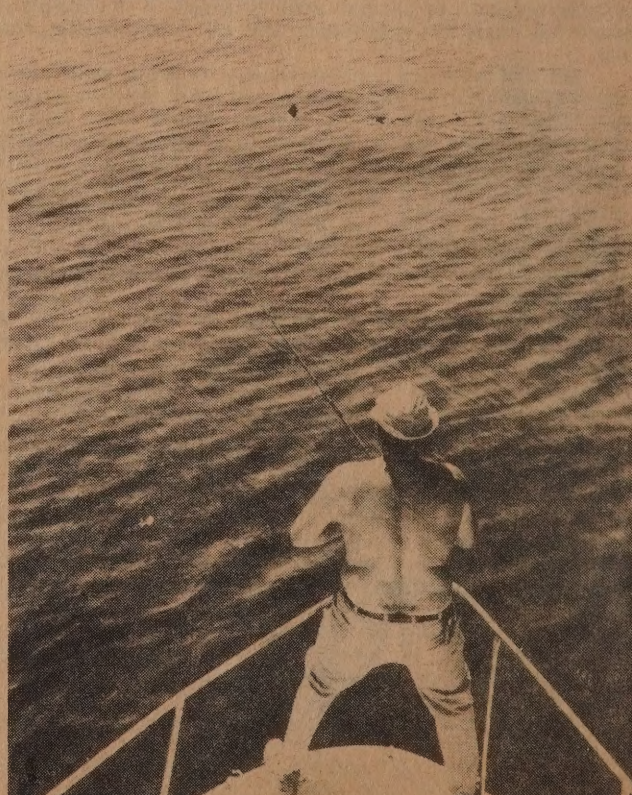
With new anglers joining the ranks of big game sport fishing each year, it is surprising how few accidents have occurred, especially during the crucial period of bringing a shark to gaff. This is the most trying time for any fisherman, and the optimum danger interval. A system must be devised by all anglers on board prior to any shark trip, as to how all specialty equipment is placed, and used. Such items as gloves, gimbal, harness, flying gaff, regular gaff, tail ropes, and line pusher, should be ready for use.

Gloves are placed one on top the other, with a right-hand up; if the lead-mean is left-handed, then a left glove is on top. In this way, it is easier to slip the stronger hand into a glove quickly and then pull the opposite one onto the weak hand. Hands must be protected when handling wire leader. Unprotected and wet, they become soft and are open candidates for cuts, or even amputation of a finger should a coil of wire entangle around one.

Belt gimbal and harness are immediately placed on the angler who is fighting a fish. Fighting chairs are excellent when used in combat with long running fish, or ones that battle away from a boat. Sharks usually fight downward and circle the boat, which means constant movement from one side to the other. These two items give an angler greater maneuvering ability, with ease. A harness relieves strain placed on the back and arms of the angler, allowing him to hold the rod and reel by leverage, rather than strength.

Tail-ropes are to be coiled neatly out of the way, but must be available instantly, and easily. These are always pre-made from nylon rope, cable, or heavy-coated stainless steel braided wire. Each mini-lasso, must be of some type of heavy material, for it receives its name from how it is employed—around the shark's tail. Once the gaff is impaled in the shark, a loop rope is slipped over the slightly elevated tail, pulled taut and fastened to a secure post on the boat. The gaff hook can now be released from the fish without danger, and the shark is hung alongside, or lifted by the gin pole. Tagging these creatures has become well-established throughout most of Long Island waters. A no-kill, or release-the-catch-after-tagging, serves many realistic purposes. When the quarry is to be liberated, no gaff hook is placed into the fish. A tail-rope now becomes a head-rope, being placed around the shark's head and gill slits. It is simply lassoed, tagged, then released. When a shark is defiant, resisting every attempt in placement of the loop around its head, the line is circled about the angler's body, brought up over the rod tip, down the line and slipped over the fish's head. Once in position, the rope is snugged tight about its gills, and lifted modestly from the water. This pressure subdues a shark enough for the wire leader to be cut free, and placement of a tag. A slight pull on

Shooting into the water at a safe angle, with a 20 gauge shotgun produces low sound vibrations which will attract sharks towards the boat.



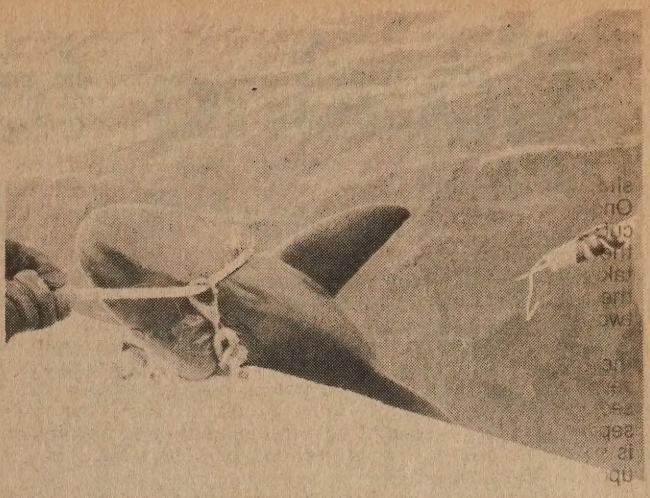
The author casting to a surface cruising hammerhead shark with spinning tackle; when all other baits failed, a live eel turned its head.

the rope's clip with a gaff hook, loosens the loop and the fish can swim off, unhurt. When tail-roping becomes difficult, the same system is applied, except the loop passes beyond the gill slits, drawn over the body, and tightened about the narrow section of the tail. When a gaff is required to assist a tail-roping, the strike of the hook is in back of the body cavity, towards the rear section, so its tail can be lifted from the water. This is the power portion of the fish. Therefore, once the tail is free of the water, there is no possible way a shark can propel itself.

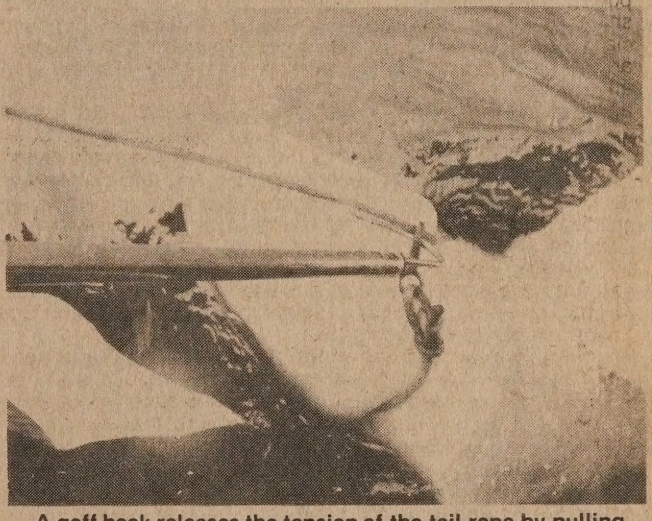
Flying gaff's and regular gaff's are equally important as proper tackle. These implements put a finishing touch to any difficult job. This is a tool of necessity in shark fishing. Gaff points must always be checked for sharpness. A dulled tip of a fishhook does not penetrate a fish's mouth, so how will a blunt point of a gaff puncture a tough, hide covered body? Once a shark is exhausted, it is led over the gaff's upright point and struck with a solid, upwards thrust. This is where sharpness and shape of a gaff point become so vital. For proper outfitting in this game of sport fishing, two different size gaff heads are ideal; but one hook with a six-inch opening is suitable, in accompanyment of a sturdy, long-handled regular gaff. The concept of a flying gaff is to impale a shark soundly, holding it there by the handle or a released hook, securely fastened to the boat.

One final item of equipment rarely seen on any boat, except where its existence is known, is a "line pusher." Invariably, a shark will be brought alongside the boat, thinking it to be depleted of life. Seeing the boat, the fish will dive downwards, under the keel, with the exception of a Mako shark. With their unpredictable practices, they are apt to hurtle into the craft as well as spring over it. Sudden surges may bring the fishing line against the boat's side, keel, propeller, or outdrive. A line pusher is merely a U-shaped, stainless steel, or brass, prong attached to a long pole. Each time a shark is brought near, this tool holds the line away from troublesome obstacles, as mentioned.

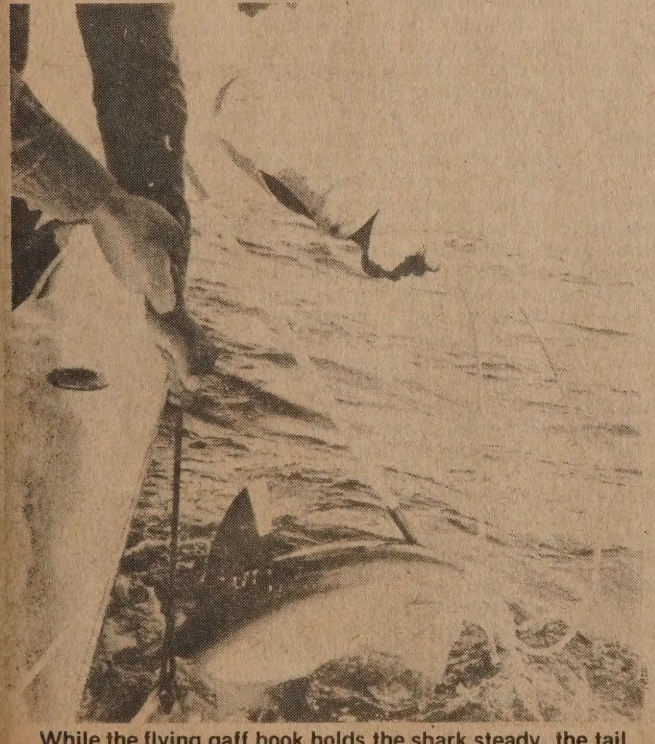
Aboard Sig's boat, readiness is everything, with preparation for the unexpected, as well as all safety precautions. Shark fever is spreading among saltwater anglers at a rapid pace. Its frustrations are minor compared to those of other big game fishing. Mako shark are primary targets, simply because they defy man's intelligence, reasoning and ability—turning this fishing into Mako madness.



A head lasso placed around the shark's gill slits subdues it for insertion of a tag, then released.



A gaff hook releases the tension of the tail rope by pulling on the clip holding the loop.



While the flying gaff hook holds the shark steady, the tail section is lifted from the water by a secondary gaff, and a cable type tail rope is slipped over.

Occasionally it is easier to place the tail rope onto the fish from the head down, past the body, and then onto the tail section.

Casting for Bluefish

with Captain John DeMaio

THE PAST TWO SEASONS have shown us less bluefish in the shallows than other years; 1976 being the poorest. I mention this because your best casting is always in shallow water, and bluefish are no exception. Here in Montauk the beaches were void of blues—ask any avid surfcaster! Oh yes, there were a scattering of days when the swivel-eyed terrors charged the beach, but these occasions were exceptions.

In good years, I would avoid the bluefish when hunting bass, because when fishing for the market, you pursue the money fish. Many days I found the blues and bass mixed, and I would have to try and fish the bass out from under the blues. On such a day, a barrage of four letter words would precede the word bluefish, but this year I could have made good use of the blues in the shallows. I even lit candles in hope of finding bluefish to cast at—no such luck. Perhaps this season will see a return of bluefish on the beaches and in the bays. Even those little two pound fish are great sport on light gear, and good eating.

Casting for bluefish in deep water is possible, and often will outfish the diamond jig, but problems aplenty may rise here—most created by heavy traffic. Just how the hell can you make a cast with a mob of boats charging into a surface school. Throw in a couple of wire liners making passes, and it hardly seems worth the bother. In situations like this, the jig worked close to the bottom, will be more effective in catching. Still, you may be fortunate enough to have a school of fish all to yourself somewhere off in the deep: not only can you cast them when they're jumping, but **after** they submerge.

Let's begin with what lures to use. My favorite is the bucktail. Many lures have a stronger resistance to the teeth of bluefish, but for the most part, are inconsistent catchers. Never use a plug unless you are not fond of your fingers. If you bear a grudge against the index finger and thumb of your hand, then the plug is the perfect lure for getting even. Even the citizens of Palermo couldn't think of a greater vendetta. Small tins like Hopkins lures (a good jig for the shallows, because the flat shape tends to make it float higher on the retrieve), or the real squid tins are durable lures when handling blues. Weighted tubes are perfect for absorbing the slashing tears of the bluefish. As good as both of these lures are, they will not always produce as well as a bucktail. The tins flash, but lack a certain action needed to entice a fussy fish. Tubes are tricky lures to work properly: the average store-bought tube lure will not spin effectively for the caster as it will for the troller. Even so, here again, the action is a single one.

A jigged bucktail has a lot going for it. The jigging motion will cause the lure to sink and rise, allowing it to hesitate, if for only an instant. The bucktail hairs will puff in and out, creating a pulsating movement. A piece of attached pork rind will wriggle similar to the tail action of a small fish or the long, trailing tentacles of a squid. How can you miss with all that going for you? With the proper motion and speed of retrieve, and the correct size bucktail, you should make it work for you.

The best retrieve to nail a bluefish, is a fast one with a jigging motion. Normally, the faster the better. It should always be made with an accompanying snap of the rod that sets up the jigging motion. The snapping should be continuous throughout the retrieve. Never stop reeling to allow yourself to snap the rod. A smooth, steady motion of both the snapping and reeling is recommended for best results. Do not reel, then stop to snap, then reel again for some distance, then stop, etc. Practice will give you a steady fluid movement needed to master this method of retrieve. The skilled angler will positively outfish those less fortunate in this style of fishing. (Here again, I proclaim my preference for the conventional reel over the spinning. Both type reels will catch.)

Because of this fast retrieve method, the angler can use a heavy bucktail—heavier than he would normally use in shallow water. A heavier lure will enable you to cast greater distances. It also will permit a better sinking action of the lure. Using heavy heads in deep water is best. Remember, for every fish you see jump, a lot more are under that one. Even when fish are breaking water, allow the lure to settle down into the water after you cast. As you retrieve, the lure will rise as it comes closer to the boat. It is possible to go under a school and miss the bites. This would be rare. The point made here is, do not die with the same method. Bring the lure in over the top; cast into the middle of the school (best way is to the side). Reel slow maybe. Don't snap. In general, be versatile.

If the fish have stopped showing and are believed to be down at the bottom, allow the bucktail to sink right to the bottom before starting the retrieve. Once again, the heavy head comes into play. In fact, some of the best days I have had with blues were on days when I never did see a fish on the surface. When they're not showing, the fish are most likely holding steady over one area. Fix the position and go to work. You can really put the hurt on when you have them zeroed in.

A good many years back, a friend and I were searching the Tin Can Grounds for bluefish. The ocean was dead, and we were about to give up. We noticed one sea gull—up high—made a sharp gesture to glance over his wing to look at the water below. We hustled underneath where the bird motioned and dropped the jigs. We took 400 pounds of fish on A-27 diamond jigs until they stopped biting the jigs. Still believing the fish to be under us (no machine in those days), we switched to bucktails and boated another hundred pounds before the tide ended. In those years, we would also fish off Manhattan Beach, when the outside areas seemed dead, for small blues. The bluefish would not take a jig inside, because the water was too shallow to work it effectively. Instead, I would cast for these small two pound fish with bucktails. Most days, the fish would never give themselves away, and I would work ranges. Although it took at least 50 of these little guys to make a market box, many a day I made the market—all the action provided by bucktails. In particular, the action here was a fast retrieve and snap. The old standby.

The rigging of the bucktail is important: if not only for getting more bites, but for longer life of your lure. A lot of anglers insist on wire leaders when fishing for bluefish. I don't believe in it. Sure, there are times when the fish will bite the nails out of the bottom of the boat, and wire will not discourage them at all, but not always. Blues can be as cute as bass at times. I do recommend a heavy mono leader. In some cases, where small fish are involved, use no leader at all or a light mono. The best trick to save your lure and still insure bites is a tail hook, as the illustration shows. Open the eye of a loose hook, and slip it over the bucktail hook. Tighten with pliers. A Mustad O'Shaughnessy hook is best for this. Keep the size of the tail hook in relation to the size bucktail hook. Most hooked fish will end up swinging on the tail hook. This helps prevent the fish from giving your bucktail a hair cut. (Nylon hairs are more suitable for retarding bluefish teeth than the deer hairs. If you can achieve success with nylon lures, use them.) When the line shows signs of teeth damage, retie. Unlike striped bass, bluefish will bite **less** on a hairless bucktail. Always use full bucktails. Saving the junk lures for the blues may be smart, but it doesn't always work. Keep a good supply handy.

The placing of the pork rind: there are two methods advisable when using pork rind and a tail hook together. They both begin the same, by placing the pork rind on the bucktail hook first. One style has the tail hook going through the pork rind also. The other has both tail hook and pork rind hanging independant of one another; both styles are pictured in the drawing. For years, I used the doubled-hooked pork rind method, but gave it up on the advice of a friend. The double-hook was troublesome when fast action prevailed.

Chopping blues would tear the pork rind off the tail. Also, a twisting of the pork rind was prevalent, and unhooking the fish difficult. (The quicker you return that lure to the water, the faster you catch.) A free-swinging pork rind has little problems more than wrapping around the tail hook. This is easily rectified. Most important, is its ability to catch as well as the double hook.

Commercial pork rind can be expensive for sustained fishing of this type. I know some anglers who make their own pork rind and keep it salted. That to me is a bit much. Never use the pork rind with pre-inserted hooks. Colors sometimes do make the difference. Still, you cannot go wrong with white; yellow and red have their days.

A good selection of bucktail weights are lures from three-eighths of an ounce, up to a two ounce head. Small bucktails are better for matching up to some small bait the fish may be feeding on. Bucktails of over two ounces can be used with success. A plus in your favor that should bear mention is that heavy heads can be cast with heavy conventional gear using 30 pound test lines, and higher. My advice is to stock mostly one ounce lures. This weight is suitable for both shallow and reasonably deep water. (Depth of the lure depends on the depth of the fish.)

The bucktail used in the drawings is a one ounce head, with a 5/0 Mustad O'Shaughnessy hook. The tail hook is a 6/0 open eye. A name for the head shape is the "bulls head." This is, without a doubt, my favorite bucktail. I have fished it for 20 years. One last word of advice, that might get some tackle dealers hot: Smilin' Bill heads don't cast worth a damn. Somehow or other, the shape of the head creates a strong wind resistance that cuts down on the cast distance. Last year, I made a 100 or, one-half ounce Smilin' Bill heads for a change, or simply just to throw something a little different at the fish. The identical half-ounce weight in the bulls head achieved at least 20 to 30 feet more distance. Smilin' Bills' highly touted head shape did not produce any better. Due to its inability to cast far, I actually caught less on them, because I covered less fishing area on the retrieve. Because of a lack of popularity, the bull heads are hard to come by, but will most likely cost less money when found.

Casting is a lot of fun. It keeps the sport in the sportfishing. Once you have mastered its many facets, you can put more than enough fish in the box. Bluefish up to about five pounds are best for the type of casting described in this article. Bigger fish begin to swallow lures in one gulp and take the lure on a bite. Still, with the fast retrieve, you stand a good chance of the fish coming up from behind and taking the tail hook.

Next time you come across bluefish on the top, try casting for them. After catching a few, you begin to gain the confidence needed, and have a better understanding of how it works. Good Luck.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Montauk offshore fishermen are presently experiencing bonanza fishing for blue sharks. The sharks are virtually everywhere south of the Point from the Butterfish Hole out to 40 Fathoms, with average catches ranging from ten to fifty a trip. Most are small, in the 75 pound range, but fish up to 200 pounds have been reported. A giant bluefin tuna was taken last week that was over 600 pounds, and a few yellowfins in the 40 pound class were taken; this fishing is expected to improve as the waters continue to warm and the fish move up from down south. Porgy fishing is excellent with many, many jumbos being taken all around the Point. A few seabass are mixed in. Fluke fishing can still only be rated as fair to good. Bass fishing during the day has been short flurries of activity, few and far between. Some big bass taken at night on Danny Plugs casting. Weakfish have moved into the Shagwong Point and Rocky Point areas, and are being taken casting from both boat and surf at first light and dusk. No bluefish reported. Codfishing very good at Coxes Ledge.

Six happy men aboard the shark charterboat "Modar II" with Capt. Pete Van Alst show the blue shark they brought in to eat and the tags from the 17 sharks they tagged for the N.O.A.A. Survey. Party included Mr. Kasten, F. Vagnoni, T. Benkert, Mr. Reichle and V. Alese, all from Long Island.

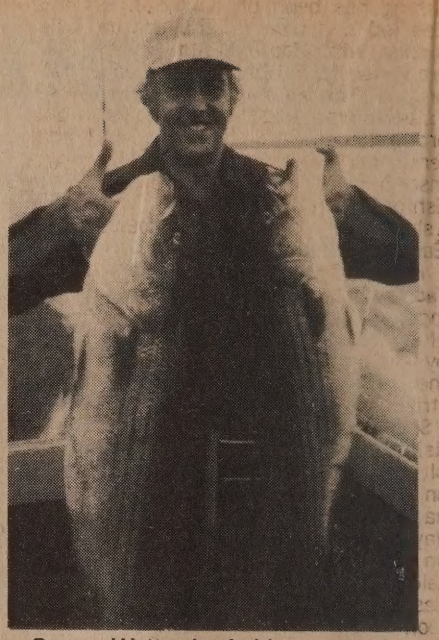
Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the cod action has been very good at Coxes Ledge, wtih a few pollack mixed in. The poolfish is usually in the mid-thirties daily. The **Viking Starlite** has been having fair fluking in the North Rips with small fish on the boat's half-day trips.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charter boat **Montauk**, said that there are all kinds of blue sharks from the Butterfish Hole to 40 Fathoms and points in-between. Average trips have taken 10 to 15 fish, most tagged and released. Most of the sharks are in the 75 pound range, but on Thursday, one was weighed in by the Captain that tipped the scales at 200 pounds on the nose. Paul said that the water temperature has been rising one or two degrees daily, so the next week or so should see the offshore coming alive with makos, tuna, marlin, etc.

On Tuesday, a party led by Lou Stark of East Hampton took 11 blue sharks aboard **Modar II** with Captain Pete Van Alst sailing from Star Island Yacht Club. Lou, who is 74-years-old, caught the largest fish—eight feet long, and 123 pounds. Ten fish were tagged and released.

On Saturday, a party of six from a Wall Street Brokerage firm released 17 sharks in about 200 feet of water, two hours south of the Point. On Sunday, the boat took its first brown shark of the season, which weighed 75 pounds.

On Thursday, Capt. Larry Rodriguez of the charter boat **Tide Runner** took 20 fluke up to six pounds in the North Rips. On Saturday, 13 blue sharks were taken. Six were kept; the rest released. The biggie was 175 pounds.



George Watts, Jr., holds up two of twelve bass he and his father took on Ava jigs aboard Captain John DeMaio's charter boat "Vivienne." The biggest striper went to 28 lbs.

Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that he has been porgy fishing around the Lighthouse with excellent results. Saturday was the best day of the weekend, and Phil Westbrook of Brooklyn was high hook, with 81 porgies. Phil filled his first five-gallon bucket by 8:15 a.m. The fish are mixed sizes, with many jumbos included. Big porgy of the week was a four pounder. Bud said that the bottom fishing looks real good.

John Keller of the **Lake Montauk Marina** said that although the bass and bluefishing inshore has been down considerably, the offshore blue shark

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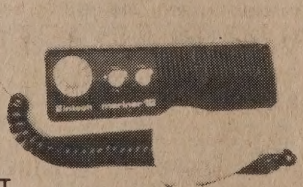

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fishing has been phenomenal. Edward Bee led a charter on the charter boat **Bronco** with Captain Ted Monell that accounted for 53 blue sharks up to 180 pounds. The action took place at the 40 Fathoms area, and three of the fish were brought back to the dock and the remainder were tagged and released. Inshore porgy action is excellent, fluke fishing fair in the North Rips. There was a short flurry of bass taken around Great Eastern on Sunday afternoon.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported great blue-sharking, fair fluking, and poor bassing and bluefishing. Catch of the week was made by eleven-year-old Gleen Sklar aboard the "Margie Luv," who took a 26 pound striped bass. Norma and Bill Bock of the "Sea Tern" fished south of the Butterfish Hole and caught and released 25 blue sharks up to 140 pounds, but mostly on the small side. They said that they had sharks circling around the boat all day. The "Kathy K" took 18 blue sharks on their first sharking expedition ever, releasing 16. The "Marie III' had six bass on Saturday. The "Meditation" took and released 25 blue sharks on Saturday and also boated a 46 pound yellowfin tuna. A 600 pound class bluefin tuna was taken during the week. Captain Sol Spector of the "Mister S" took a 128 pound blue shark on 10 pound test line, that took an hour and ten minutes to bring to gaff. He also had about 50 other blue sharks for the day. Captain Paul Igneri of the "Pequod II" took an 11 pound, 3 ounce fluke on two smelt in the North Rips on Sunday afternoon.

Captain Ron Grandindtti of the **julie III** and six members of the Skunked Again Fishing Club led by Artie Morris caught 250 pounds of porgies on Saturday, up to 3-1/2 pounds and on Sunday, a party of four caught 340 pounds of porgies in the Frisbie Area, using clams and squid.

Captain Jimmy Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the boat is now sailing at 4 AM daily to Coxes Ledge, with excellent results. The cod are averaging 18 to 22 pounds, with the pool fish usually in the mid-forties. On Sunday, Aldea Koutrokois of Islip Terrace copped the pool with a 47-3/4 pound cod. She also had six other fish.

The charterboat **Free Spirit** called to tell us that their three day offshore shark trip this past week produced loads of blue shark which were big and plentiful, so they took a lot on spinning gear. Don Knol and his dad from Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle were on this trip. The boat's Sat. charter also produced a blue shark blitz between the first and second set of Fingers. A lot of fish were brought to the boat with Penn 710 spinning reels and 15 lb. test line. Sunday's charter got more blue shark but this time a brown was mixed in to the tune of 120 pounds. No makos as of yet. Capt. Frank will be making single day trips out to the Dumping Grounds in July, he says, an area for very big shark. See his ad for phone no. if interested.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand at **Promised Land Fishing Station** reports that fishing has been tough picking. Porgy fishing has been slow with small fish being taken at the Fish Factory and at Gardiners Island. A few fish up to 1½ pounds are mixed in. Blackfish are also being taken in these areas. A few fluke are being taken in the bay and Art said that the bay is loaded with sand eels and he is expecting the fluking to improve.

Tom and Al Syvarth with some of their fluke caught in the Elbow. The fish ran up to five pounds. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

SAG HARBOR

Bay View Fishing Station reports that porgy fishing is strong with fish being taken on sandworm and mussels. Bass and blues are being taken at the ferry wire lining umbrellas and bucktails. On Friday Joe Ambrose took a 27½ lb. bass at Plum Gut on a live eel.

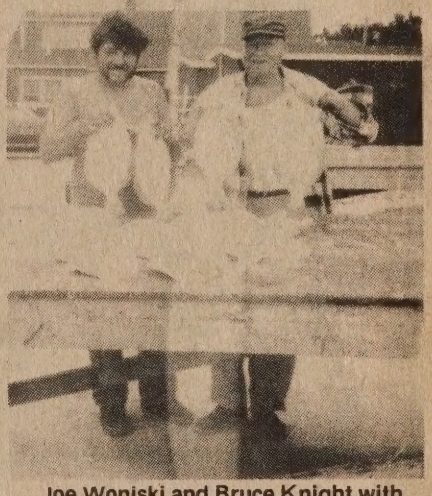
HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station reports fluke in Shinnecock Bay was picky this past week. Most boats averaged 4 to 5 fish with some sharpies taking 25 to 30 keepers. Better tides this coming week should improve fishing. Best areas remain in East Channel from the Coast Guard Sta. to the Ponquogue Bridge. Sand eels with squid teasers or live killies are the best bait. Porgies are still showing signs of life in Peconic Bay. Some boats took 50 fish from small to medium size using sandworms or clams with the best results on bunker chum.

Skipper's Fishing Station reports that Benny Cartelemi took 6 bass from Friday to Sat. on the outgoing tide at dusk. On Friday, his fish weighed in at 42, 35 and 20 pounds and on Saturday he took fish of 25, 22, and 9 pounds all on live eels. He also took 20 fluke during the two days. Fluke are being taken in the East Channel with lots of shorts with catches ranging from 7 to 15 pounds on sand eels with big pieces of squid. Captain Paul Markland of the charterboat "My Three Sons" had 3 blue sharks and Capt. Harry Carter of the "Scamp III" had 13 blue sharks during the week.

MORICHES BAY

Tadsen's Fishing Station reports that flounder fishing has dropped off in quantity but some nice sized flounder are being picked up at Great Gun Beach on bloodworms. Fluke fishing is on the



Joe Woniski and Bruce Knight with 25 fluke taken on live killies on the incoming tide by Buoy 25. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

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2. ENTRY FEE--There is no entry fee to participate in the Contest. The only requirement is that you MUST have been a subscriber of The Long Island Fisherman for at least 30 DAYS before the date that a fish was caught. Immediate members of a subscriber's family are also eligible if they are living together in the same household. Example: Mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son.

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   a. Fish must be one of the ten eligible species
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   c. Fish must be taken in Long Island Waters.
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   e. The catch must be CONFIRMED as a new World Record by the I.G.F.A. by February 1, 1978.
   f. New records can be for any of the I.G.F.A. line classes: 6-lb., 12-lb., 20-lb., 30-lb. 50-lb., 80-lb., 130-lb., or All Tackle, for both Men and Women.

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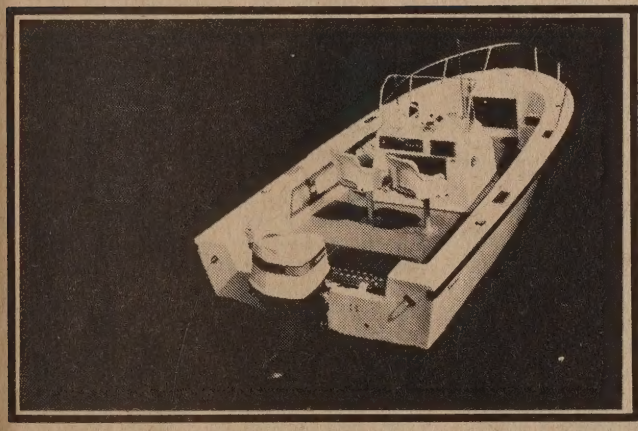

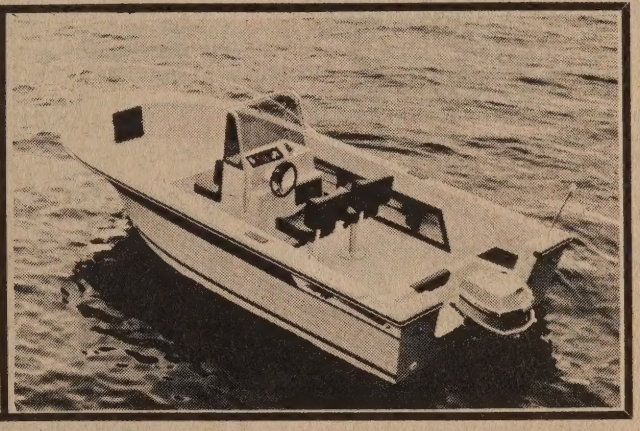

record fish. If it appears that the fish is a possible record, it must then be OFFICIALLY weighed in at STARFISH MARINE in East Islip, New York. After the Official Weigh-In Starfish Marine will prepare the necessary record applications that must be sent to the I.G.F.A. It is the anglers responsibility to transport his catch to and from Starfish Marine.

5. CURRENT RECORDS--For the convenience of eligible anglers, the current recognized records by the I.G.F.A. will be published in the May 5th issue of The Long Island Fisherman. Periodic updates of new records set while the contest is in progress will also be published in the pages of The Fisherman.

6. TIES--In the event that more than one subscriber sets a new World Record, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:
   a. The angler setting the most I.G.F.A. records during the contest will be the winner.
   b. In the event that no angler sets more than one record, but two or more anglers set a single record, the following point system will be utilized to place the winners:
      1. One point will be scored for each percentage point that the new record beat the previously held record, based on weight. Example: If the new record is 25 lbs. and the old record was 20 lbs., the new record is 25% more weight. Score 25 points.
      2. One point will also be scored for every year that prior record existed. Example: If the old record was set in May 1967 and the new record is set in 1977, score 10 points.

8. PRIZES--The Grand Prize will be the winners choice of a 1978 Grady White Center Console or a Mako 20, which will be awarded by Starfish Marine. If more than one new I.G.F.A. approved World Record is set, there will be a consolation prize for the 2nd highest point fish of $500, 3rd highest $250 and $50 for each additional record.

9. JUDGES--The decision of the judges will be final.

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upswing. Bob Armbruster had 14 keeper fluke up to 3 pounds on live killies.

Silly Lily Fishing Station reports that Rudy Schule of NJ had 18 keeper fluke fishing buoys 38 to 39 off the sand bar on killie and squid combos and also sand eel and squid combos. The fluke are only sucking on the bait and light lead should be used so you can feel them. On Sunday the fluke were hitting best the last two hours of the incoming tide.

Capt. Tom Cashman of the charter-boat **Rogue** called to say that Friday, Saturday and Sunday's charter total of man eaters was 20 blue shark going to 120 pounds plus bluefish up to 16½ pounds. In addition on Sunday a 135 lb. thrasher shark was landed after an hour and a half tug of war.

MASTIC BEACH

Fluke and blues reports **Stiriz's Fishing Station** from buoy 20 to 26 on sand eels, squid, spearing and smelts. A little slower over the weekend however. Weaks from buoys 17-21 on the bottom on squid and spearing, the flood best. A few blowfish and blacks with a few sea bass at buoy 14 and the bridge. The first blue claw was taken this weekend. It looks good for blue claws in July.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports that Hal Morgan and two buddies fishing on Wednesday took 25 weaks up to 13 pounds on squid off Ocean Beach and Point-O-Woods. There has been a steady run of fluke up to 4 pounds on squid and sand eels. Steady weakfish action is happily reported also. A few two to three pound blues have been mixed in off West Sayville as have some blowfish and kingfish.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports weaks, fluke and some kings and a lot of small bluefish in the area between buoys 29 and 30 at the mouth of Great River and at Heckscher's buoys 4 and 5 for weakfish on squid, sand eels and salty dogs, Hopkins and Kast-masters. Ebb is best. Blue claws are showing off the docks and will be in strong in a few weeks. 12 weakfish was high hook for the week for one unnamed fisherman.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle tells of bass at the Robert Moses Bridge on live eels, fluke off Ocean Beach and in the State Channel on spearing and sand eels. Some weaks are hitting the sand eels as well. Some blues on poppers in the inlet.

OAK BEACH

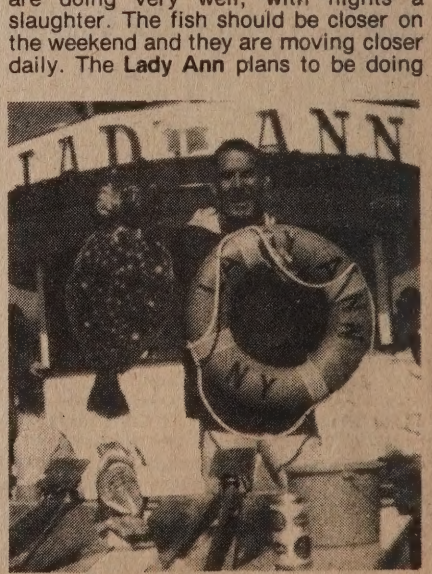
The Store reports fluking good to fair on both sides of The Store with one angler nailing an 8 lb. 4 oz. fluke on Tuesday. An angler known as Wind-jammer took 10 weaks on small white Tri-Fins between 6 and 8 pounds at the Sore Thumb on high outgoing. Some blacks being taken in the rocky Sore Thumb area. Some flounders north and south of The Store. A 29 pound striper was taken on Saturday in a boat off the Lighthouse on the inside on a live eel.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports that Tony Millozzo of Bay Shore had a 16 and 36 lb. bass on live eels Thursday night off the Lighthouse on the inside. A 15½ lb. striper fed on Jim Pidgeon's live eel at the construction dock on Thursday night. Respectable fluking in Snake Hill Channel on sandeels and squid, with Ocean Beach producing good fluke also. Weaks in front of the Lighthouse all the way to Ocean Beach on sandworms. A few porgies and whiting on the outside reef. A 10 lb. weak was taken by one angler from the Bay Shore Marina dock on squid. Good bluefishing in early morning and late afternoon hours in the bay on poppers and pussycats. Smokey's is carrying bass eels now, says Carl.

CAPTREE

Capt. Neil of the **Lady Ann** tells us that the fluking has been only fair this past week with his customers putting roughly 30 to 50 keepers per day in the boat. Best is from buoy 8 in the inlet to West Channel. A lot of fluke are in the bay as evidenced by their being jacked at night by jackers using eel spears in the flats. The fish are there, feeding on grass shrimp. Neil says you've got to fish the edges and the drains as the bulk of the fish are in shoal water. The reef is still stiff. Neil had a bluefish charter on Friday night and they bagged a feew 10 lb. choppers. The fish as of Sunday night were approximately 35 miles from Captree and 10 to 15 miles south of the HA buoy. Boats working these schools are doing very well, with nights a slaughter. The fish should be closer on the weekend and they are moving closer daily. The **Lady Ann** plans to be doing



Art Baker on his first fishing charter aboard the "Lady Ann," took this eight-pound, two ounce, fluke.

Rudy Ullrich of the Bronx with a seven pound, two ounce blackfish, taken on a sand eel aboard the "Captain Ben Litwin."

some fire works observing over the 4th of July holiday, so if you are in the market, give him a buzz.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported that the fluke fishing in Great South Bay has been slow. The boat is now starting to sail for bluefish twice daily at 7 AM and 7 PM. The blues are now at the Klondike Banks and should be moving closer daily.

BABYLON

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** tells us that Joey had 7 weakfish at West Island on Sunday on salty dogs and squid with Snake Hill and Dickersons between buoys 13 and 4 producing good fluke, ten to twelve fish per boat on sand eels and squid. The trick is to have patience and drift the one area.

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** reports good fluking all week with Snake Hill Channel producing well. 22 flatties were high hook for Bill's skiffs for the week. Carl (Big Foot) nailed a four pound fluke just west of the bridge using sand eels and squid. Killies and squid are also working well. Another good spot was behind Grass Island and at the Babylon Cut.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells us that Carmine Reimma of Lindenhurst had a 33 pound striper on Saturday morning on live eel at the Old Construction Dock. Joe Caldon nailed a 34½ pound bass on live eel. Both were fishing in Charlie Modeo's boat. George Keshian, Manager of Charlie's West B&T got himself a 140 pound blue shark on Saturday morning fishing 175 degrees out of FII at the 120 foot mark. Good fluking at the inlet on sand eels or live killies, all tides. A few snappers in the canals. Here it comes—Tony the Shoemaker took a 17 lb. striper on a live eel fishing off the Old Construction Dock, all by his lonesome.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports that Al Bornio and Bob Coster fishing Wed. and Thurs. had bass going 27, 25½, 24, 19 and 14 pounds. This was on the inside off the Coast Guard Station on live eels. They took a few weaks also plus one blue, all on the eel. A Mr. Kempter bagged a 35 lb. striper on Thursday morning, while Lou Clements caught a 32 pounder and Bill Rusko an 18 pounder fishing the same area, all in the dark on eels. Small blues in Amity Harbor up to 2 pounds on Krocodiles. Fluke of mixed sizes at the Amityville Hole and Cut.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports reports that though the fluking was off this past week, the bass fishing at the Meadowbrook, Wantagh bridges is good on bunker and eels. The mouth of Zach's Bay has also been good. Joel weighed in a 47½ and a 28¼ lb. striper during the week. Best results are on clam chum and live eels.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells of fluke at West and Squaw Island and Goose Creek west of the drawbridge and also Sloop Channel. Action is fair with sand eels working best. There are still flounders remaining in some of the deeper holes. A few bass are being chummed in the State Channel and at the bridges.

Salice Fishing Station reports the fluking has been good with fish up to 4½ pounds at Four Corners, the bridges, and Squaw Island on sand eels and squid. Weaks off Florence Beach up to 6½ pounds on squid strips. A few blues at Short Beach for fluke drifters.

Shown here are Stan Feret, Mike Stone, Dick Rubin, Marty Harris, and Ken Hayse with a 176 lb. White Shark caught in 120 feet of water out of Jones Inlet. They also caught and tagged seven Blue Sharks. Photo courtesy of Nick's Marina.

Subscriber Dick Lewis of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club, took these six weakfish to 9-1/4 lbs., casting from the shore of Ocean Beach. All fish were taken on the new Lupo Pink Shrimp.

BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Supplies reports the Tin Can is still producing stripers on various methods, though it has slowed down a bit from what it was just a week ago. These are 8 to 12 lb. fish in the main. Fluking has been spotty with both bait and bucktails working. Work the bars. Stripers at Fire Island Inlet on bunker and eels. Roy asked us to mention that he is now carrying Long Island's largest inventory of S&G Tackle, a line manufactured by sharp shooters.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that the fluke has tapered off though the sharpies are still catching satisfactorily. One shooter had 13 keepers on Saturday to three and a half pounds fishing sand eels in Broad Creek. Sal fished Merrick Pt. on Sunday and took 16 keepers, 14 on Saturday, all on live killies, all tides. Bass catches have been good for chummers at the Wantagh Bridge, Zach's Bay and Black Banks, fish taken up to 32 pounds. A few weakfish have fallen to killies on fluke rigs at the Coast Guard Station and in Broad Creek. Flounders still being taken in Swift Creek on worms, mainly on incoming. These are good fat flounders.

BALDWIN

Arthur St. Marina reports lots of shark being taken offshore by boats in the marina while their rental skiffs have been having fair fluke catches taken out of Reynolds Channel this past week.

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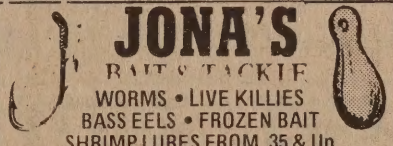

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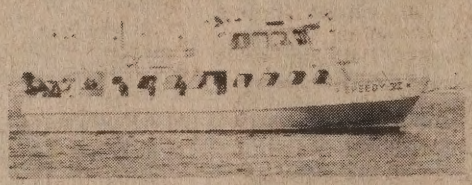

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Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports that on Saturday the fishing was good at the wrecks south of Cholera. Sea bass and ling were caught with moderate crowds aboard. On Sunday fishing the Fire Island wrecks nice quality sea bass and ling were taken but with less quantity. A few cod and pollack were also taken.

The **Aloma II** reports that the fluke fishing was bad over the weekend. The Captain moved all over, from Rees Park to Jones Inlet and inside the bays and came up with only 10 fish on the whole boat. The **Aloma** did very good fishing the local wrecks for ling and sea bass over the weekend.

The Capt. Al reports that all week and weekend they have been having great catches of ling and sea bass with a few whiting mixed in. Al will be starting night bluefishing. See ad for details.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports loads of blue shark being caught and the inlet, Swift Creek and the Coast Guard Station have produced fluke this past week on sand eels, killies and squid. Stripers on eels at the 3rd Wantagh, with blues starting to show offshore. In addition, tubes are taking stripers offshore Lido.

The charterboat **Capt. Darby** called to say that he is starting a new program in addition to his regular charters. He will be running eve trips to fish local bridges for stripers and weaks every night, from 7:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. This program will allow those without boats to do some night fishing at the bridges for big bass.

Capt. Arnold of the charterboat **Shalidon** called to say that he had 8 blue shark to 135 pounds on Wednesday and dropped three more, fishing 46 miles offshore. Mixed in were 14 big chopper blues. This was a charter for Chase Manhattan Bank and Rocco, last name unknown, had the biggest shark of all. On Friday the boat had 5 blue sharks and on Saturday two hours of fishing saw 8 blue sharks on the Gin Pole. Five others were released and four others broke off. A member of this charter named Nunzio took 9 of the blue shark and threw them into his station wagon, saying he was taking them home to eat. No comment. That poor car.

Capt. Hall reports Sunday saw about 150 fluke come over the rail while he fished local back creeks. Some anglers had up to a dozen flatties. Thursday was very good with average catches of 6 to 7 fish per man, all on the back creeks. Saturday produced good catches also, though Dick says you have to work hard for fish now. Obviously, Capt. Dicky Hall knows where to work for his fish.

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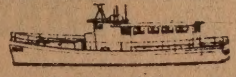

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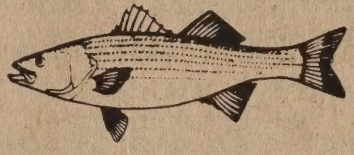

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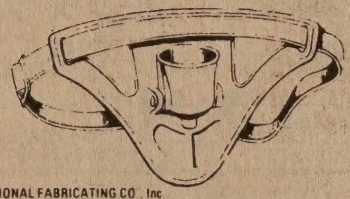

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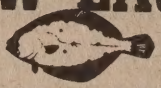

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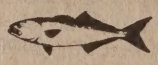

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bluefish from 6 to 8 pounds fishing southeast of Klondike. This was Capt. Sy's first blue charter of the season. Fish were taken on bait and on Ava green Bananas. These are shot to the bottom and brought in on a fast retrieve. So the blues are now in range. Saturday's afternoon fluke charter saw a fair catch in front of the Coast Guard Sta. See the Blue Fin ad for details on these afternoon fluke trips. Capt. Charlie Adams on the **Blue Fin** did well on Saturday putting his charter into ling, sea bass and bergalls.

We have just learned that June 29th is the 80th Birthday of Capt. Lou DiBlasio, the suntan skipper of the open bay boat **Capt. Lou II.** Happy Birthday, Lou from the entire LIF Staff and may you keep on banging those fish for at least another 80 years.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that some flounder are still to be had at Swift Creek. Fluking has been picky this past week and weekend with a few good days thrown in. Knowledgeable fishermen are able to still bag a dozen or so fluke.

Charterboat **Sea Egg** called to tell us that on Saturday, 17 blue shark from 65 to 170 pounds were taken. They dropped a 14' shark at the gaff in addition.

Capt. Wayne King of the **Capt. Joe** called to say that his Saturday charter for Rich Meyka and party put 36 big chopper bluefish in the box fishing south/southeast of Klondike. These fish were from 8 to 12 pounds.

Charterboat **Miss Freeport** called to tell us that Saturday's charter from the Holy Martyrs Church set up by Bert Morzensanan, a Whitestone group of families did well on fluke fishing the local creeks. Sunday's charter from Sears set up by Pete Rezenka had a slow pick in the morning but caught good in the late afternoon for a total of over 40 fluke. Capt. Tony says that his 4:30 P.M. fluke trips are gathering momentum and asked us to remind you that he is sailing open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 A.M.

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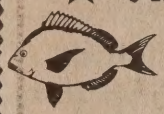

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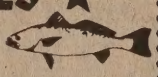

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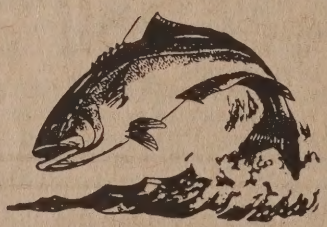

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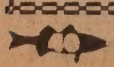

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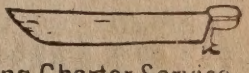

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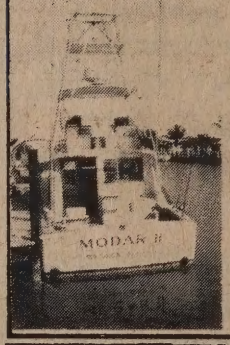

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John Osterholm, Ken Osgood, and Bill Berry with part of a catch of bass from 10 to 25 lbs. taken aboard the "Kim" at the Tin Can Grounds.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that fishing was good in the early part of the week and the weekend was fair to good. 5 to 10 fluke per boat were taken in Reynolds Channel from the mouth of the inlet to buoy 16. Some sharpies had up to 25 fish. Fluke have also been taken in the flats in Middle Bay. Flounder are still be taken in Swift Creek on worms with a lot of fish being taken in the 2 lb. range. Blackfish are being taken at the T wreck and at the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddlers. These fish are ranging from 3 to 5 pounds.

Captain Andy Pollio of the **Marie III** reported having good fishing on the wrecks over the weekend. Mixed bags of seabass, blackfish and ling are being taken, and George Reis took the pool with a six pound blackfish. Andy said that he will start concentrating on the bluefish, which should have moved up from the south by this weekend.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reports trolling for bass and blues has been very productive. Blues from 2 to 3 pounds invaded the Tin Can Grounds along with the bass. Bingle Gorilla rigs have worked very well. Bass are being taken under the Meadowbrook and Atlantic Beach bridges chumming with clam bellies every night. Live eels in Jones Inlet have produced nice sized bass. Fluke are scattered in the channels and bays and are being taken with a very large percentage of throwbacks. Small sand porgies are starting to be picked up. Blackfishing is fairly good under the bridges. Crabbing has had a tremendous pick-up in the oceanside canal.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** tells us that he has finished a very productive striped bass season and has now started sailing for shark and will continue to do so over the whole shark season. An unusual catch last week for Bob Foley, Ronnie's mate, was a catch on one pass of an umbrella rig of a teen sized bass and a fluke. That's a really mixed bag. The Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club Fluke Tournament held this past weekend went to a 5 lb. 5 oz. fish caught by Cliff Follenius.

JAMAICA BAY

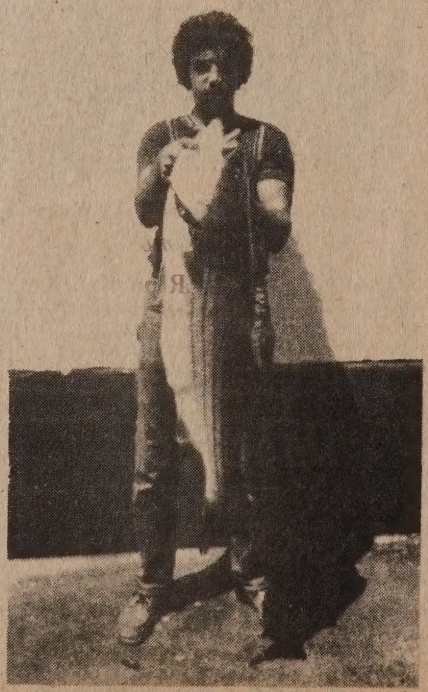
Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that the North and South Channel Bridges are producing bass in the eves on sandworms and bunker chunks. Sand porgies are being picked up at Beach Channel Drive. Fluke can be taken on the oceanside of Rees Park on killies, spearing, sand eels and squid. Joe Amalmitano of Howard Beach took a bass of 30 pounds 14 ounces aboard Billy's Dream in Fire Island Inlet on live eels at the bottom of the tide.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **New Eagle** reports that the fluke fishing was slow on Saturday and good on Sunday fishing the Jersey beach with 90 percent keepers and fish up to 5 pounds. The night bluefishing has been excellent fishing Monster Ledge. A bag per person of blues from 7-10 pounds were taken, with pool fish running to 15 pounds. The captain guarantees one side fishing only.

The **Dorothy B** reports that fluke fishing was picky. A few nice fluke of 5 lb. 4 oz., and 4 lb. 7 oz. were taken on Wednesday. The fishing was done at Sandy Hook and Ambrose Channel.

The **New Zephyr** reports that the sea bass fishing picked up fishing the Long Island shore Saturday and the New Jersey shore Sunday. On Sat. a few porgies were also taken. On Sunday nice sea bass were taken on the inshore drops and ling were also taken on the deep water drops.



Tony Anello with a 30 lb. striper caught at Romer Shoal on a Gorilla rig aboard his boat "Diane." Subscriber Club Photo.

Sal Conigliaro, Charlie Mastrovich and Charlie, Jr., with some of the 40 fluke up to 5 lbs., taken on the SALTY SECRET off Asbury Park. Subscriber Club Photo.

The **Blue Sea III** reports that some fluke were taken fishing Flynns Knoll. On Saturday fluke from 2-3 pounds were taken for 25 people with 200 keepers.

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle reports the bluefish are moving up the coast from Jersey and are coming closer by the hour and there are lots of them. They should be very close by this weekend and it looks like the makings of a hot bluefish year. The fluking was a little better this week in the NY Bight and stripers are still there to be had at the Tin Can though they are fewer in numbers than last week. They are being taken on bait, jigs, tubes.

Capt. Harold Wreggie of the **Chief** reports that he has been fishing the wrecks at Ambrose and inshore and doing extremely well on giant ling and mixed sized sea bass and blacks. The blues have moved within fairly easy striking distance now and the **Chief** will begin night bluefishing several nights per week. See their ad for details.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that fishing was on the slow side this past week. Bass are being taken up to 14 pounds at Penny Beach and Cliff Street. 80 percent of these fish are being taken on sand worms with the rest being taken on plugs John Ames took bass of 4 and 6 pounds fishing Penny Beach and Billy Codd took 3 fish to 14 pounds fishing Cliff St. Blues have been a slow pick at Fort Wadsworth and South Beach with fish from 9 to 10 pounds being taken on cut bait. Fluke are being taken at the rocks at Gateway Park. Sand eels are the best bait and mostly keepers are being taken. Fluke are also being taken at buoy 4, Annadale. Bass are being taken at the No. 21 can at the bridge and Hoffman Island on worms, bunker and gorilla rigs.

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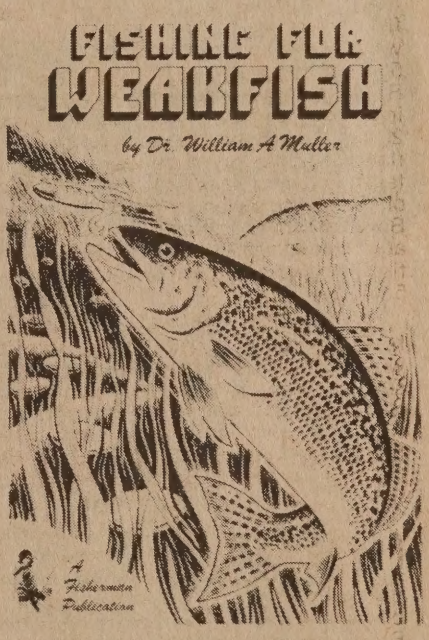

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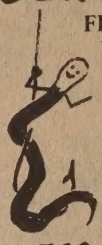

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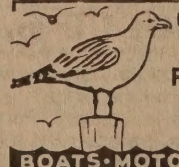

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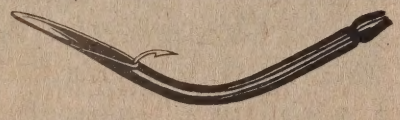

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The Wilhelric reports porgy action this past week has been from fair to excellent and the fish seem to be getting bigger each day. They are mixed sizes up to 4 pounds and as with the blues, it looks like a hot porgy year.

A. P. White Bait Shop said the fluke fishing was fair off Truman Beach. Porgy fishing is spotty, because the spring run of bluefish is in the bay and keeping the fish on the move. Bass are being picked up in the Race and the Gut on bucktails. These are all big fish. Shorefishermen are getting bass and blackfish from Greenport to Orient. There's fair weakfishing on a flood tide in Greenport Harbor. Fluke fishing is decent on the east side of the Ruins.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reports that on Wednesday Dan March, Tom March and Tom Cuomo took 26 weakfish fishing the Brickyard. Guy DiBlasio and friends took 25 weakfish in the Brickyard on a long leader weakfish rig with a long strip of squid. John Karkoza of Middletown took 9 weakfish in the same area on both the falling and incoming tides. Porgy action is good to excellent at South Ferry crossing with fish in the 1 to 1½ lb. size being taken at buoy 17 and 18. There are bluefish being taken on diamond jigs in the 1½ to 2 lb. range at buoy 17. On July 6th Port of Egypt will be opening their Orient Pt. Station. Fluke are being taken at Truman's Beach and at the first set of fish traps. Blackfish can be taken at the Lighthouse and flounder at Petty's Bight.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that porgies are being taken at Roses Grove along with a few weakfish. Porgies can also be taken at buoy 29. A few snapper blues in the 1½ lb. range are being taken trolling at buoy 25.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center said small blues and weaks are taking Rebels and surgical tubes trolled in the bay. Porgy fishing is real good in the bay with a lot of 1-1½ pound fish coming in. Fluke fishing is worthwhile off Mattituck Inlet on sand eels and squid combos. Bass fishing in the Gut and other areas, is poor.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop reports that porgies are being picked up on the north shore beaches in the 1 to 1¼ lb. range with some bigger porgies being taken in the deeper water. Blackfishing in the inshore waters has been a hit or miss and most fish taken are small. Blues from 2 to 2½ pounds can be had off the beach at night on Kastmasters and Hopkins. Bigger blues to 9 pounds are being caught at buoy 11 trolling white tubes. Some weakfish are mixed in.

SELDEN

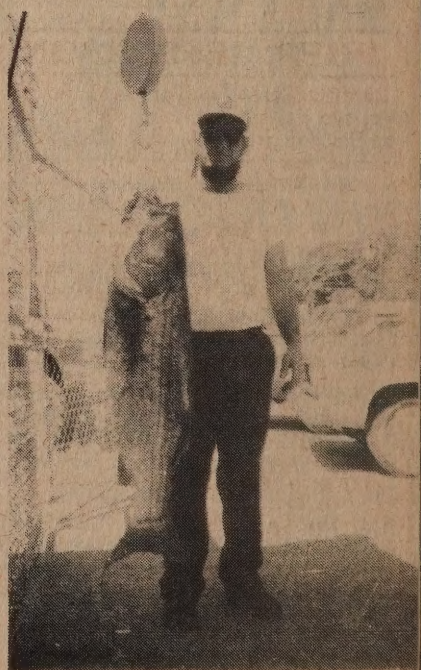
Ken Freeman at **Anglers Den** reports fluke fishing is picking up at buoys 7 and 11. Fish from 2 to 4 pounds are being taken on sand eel and squid combos and they are also starting to take smelts. On Saturday Ted Guido took a 34 lb. 10 oz. striper in Fire Island Inlet on a live eel. Bass in the 15 lb. range are being taken from Cranes Neck and Miller Place. Blackfish can be taken on fiddler crabs at Oldfield. Blues are scattered and are ranging from 2 to 10 pounds. Porgies are all over the place.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports porgies from 1 to 2 pounds are being taken in Mt. Sinai Harbor on skimmers and worms. Nick Intzirlis took 580 porgies on worms fishing one mile offshore. Blacks are being taken in close to the beaches on clams from 5 to 6 pounds. Fluke are being taken drifting sandeels and squid with only a few keepers.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports porgy fishing was good over the weekend with an average catch of ½ bushel per angler. Fluke however, were



Milton Dill of the Patchogue Fishing Club took this 35 lb. 6 oz. striper on a seven inch Rebel at Wading River. Photo courtesy of Angler's Den.

Fred Hayn with a few macks and flounder taken off the Bayville Hospital, on worms and mussels board the KENGLO V out of Glen Cove. Subscriber Club Photo.

disappointing and averaged two to four fish per boat. Most of the action took place off Callahans Beach. On Friday Andy Watson and Joe Kaiser weighed in weakfish of 12½ and 6 pounds respectively. These fish were caught at Mackamah Beach on Hopkins. Sunday morning Al Astraus and a friend found a school of small but hungry bluefish off of the Lilco Power Plant. They caught nine fish averaging 2 pounds on small popping plugs and light tackle. When the blues finally sounded Al fished the rocks off Mackamah Beach and was rewarded with a nice mess of 2 to 3 lb. blackfish on fiddler crab bait.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported porgies everywhere between White Rock and Rocky Point. Bluefishing is good at Mt. Misery Shoal, but you have to be out on the water at first light. The action is over by 9 AM. Trolling umbrellas or jigging is getting the fish. Blackfishing is slow. Plenty of fluke drifting between the jetty and the buoy at Mt. Misery Shoal and off Flax Pond. Bass for the early birds or night owls on the Belleterre side of the harbor on trolled or drifted worms. Casters are picking up bass in the Crane Neck area.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said the fluke fishing is pretty good anywhere from Marshall Field to Callahan's Beach. A couple especially good spots are off Crab Meadow Creek, Lilco and the Morgan Estate. There's a few 7-9 pound weakfish taking squid on a hi-hook in the same area. Bass fishermen are taking fish on worms between Marshall Field and Eaton's Neck. Last Monday night before the thunderstorm, there was a school of weaks and bass up on top off Eatons. One to two pound blues are around the loading platform. Porgies are just about anywhere but try

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around Duck Island.

Chain Locker reports all fishing is down a bit this past week due to the winds. Worm trolling and drifting off Target Rock to Marshall Field and Eaton Necks Pt. producing more weaks than bass. Fluke is down from '76 at this time. They are now in 30 feet of water between Crab Meadow Beach and Callahans on the Sound. Blues are being trolled on wire deep at 11B and the local loading platform. Take caution at the Northwest side of the platform as a dredge went down this week. Blues reported in with bunker outside Hempstead Harbor, but just a few. Sand porgies are everywhere in the harbor and the larger ones are best from Calahans—the Brickyard area. There are good tides this week for worm trolling for bass.

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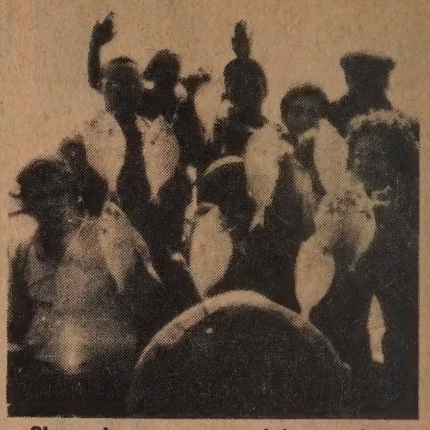
George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** reports weakfish being taken at early morning from both surf and boat at Diamond Pt.. These fish are taking Tri Fin eel worms plugs and tins. Weakfish are also being taken during the day on umbrella rigs with black tubes at Lloyd Pt. Blues from 3 to 4 pounds are mixed in. Fluke fishing is spotty but some nice fish up to 7 pounds are being taken at Lloyd Pt. Other good spots are Callahans and the Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station. Bill Croft of Huntington Sta. took a 7 lb. fluke trolling an umbrella rig at Lloyd Pt. Bass up to 20 pounds are being taken on the east shore of Cold Spring Harbor drifting or trolling sandworms. Charlie Moore took a 17 lb. bass off Sand City on sandworms. Porgies are everywhere in the Sound.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports that weakfish are being taken at dark casting red eel worms and salty dogs at dawn and dusk at Lloyd Pt. There are few bass mixed in. Bluefish from 1½ to 2½ pounds are being taken in Cold Spring Harbor in the early morning on small popping plugs or tins. A few fluke can be taken at Marshall Fields and Mackamah drifting squid and sand eels. Porgies are plentiful and can be taken on sand eels and clams. Mackamah Beach is the best area.

Capt. Tony of the **Foxy Lady** reports last Friday fishing at Captains Island he took four blues on bunker chunks from 8 to 10 pounds and a 14 lb. bass. At Lloyd Pt. he took four weakfish from 5 to 7 pounds on worms drifted from a bobber.

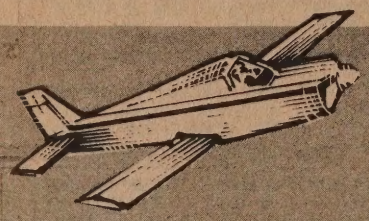


Shown here are some of the porgies ranging from ¾ to 2 pounds taken aboard the "Ebb Tide" out of City Island.

Ray Magliulo with a catch of weakfish brought into the ramp at Kings Park Bluffs. Photo courtesy of Mae's Way Fishing Station.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports Shop reports that Ken Nasky took a 33 lb. 6 oz. bass on live bunker in the Hempstead Harbor area. Tony Wolenski won the local 4 club derby by taking first and second prize with a 23 and an 18 lb. bass. There is spotty weakfish activity at Matinecock



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CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that a few blues were picked on umbrella rigs trolling around Stepping Stone Light and Fort Totten. Biggest weighed in last week was 13-3/4 pounds. Lots of medium porgies around. Locally blackfishing is fair. The City Island boats are running up the Sound for some decent porgy and blackfishing. Lots of small schoolies around Harts Island, but no bigger fish caught yet.

GROTON

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Hel-Cat** said the fluke fishing was real good on some days, but just fair on others. Fish of the week was a 6-1/4 pounder taken by Ed Dickman of Middletown. One day last week, big mackerel were hitting the fluke baits. One that was caught weighed four pounds. That, my friends, is some mackerel! A fellow from New Haven we are sorry to relate, lost a fluke right at boatside that was estimated at better than 12 pounds. The fish to beat in the Hel-Cat contest is still 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

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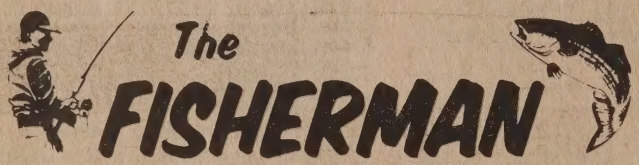

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	7:36	8:01	8:24	8:51	8:21	8:42	9:13	9:20	11:28	11:41	11:15	11:32	7:45	8:09	6/30
FRI	8:28	8:52	9:19	9:40	9:15	9:35	10:05	10:24	—	12:23	—	12:07	8:37	8:59	7/1
SAT	9:20	9:42	10:13	10:35	10:11	10:28	11:00	11:16	12:36	1:18	12:24	12:58	9:29	9:49	7/2
SUN	10:11	10:33	11:07	11:28	11:08	11:23	11:52	—	1:30	2:09	1:16	1:49	10:20	10:41	7/3
MON	11:04	11:23	—	12:01	—	12:01	12:09	12:47	2:22	3:03	2:08	2:40	11:13	11:23	7/4
TUE	11:56	—	12:20	1:55	12:17	12:56	1:09	1:42	3:17	4:00	2:59	3:30	—	12:06	7/5
WED	12:15	12:47	1:12	1:51	1:10	1:47	2:02	2:40	4:18	4:55	3:52	4:22	12:23	12:58	7/6
THUR	1:08	1:42	2:07	2:47	1:58	2:37	2:59	3:39	5:20	5:55	4:45	5:16	1:12	1:46	7/7

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	0
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Ship Channel	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

6/5	5:25	8:32
6/10	5:24	8:35
6/15	5:24	8:37
6/20	5:24	8:39
6/25	5:25	8:40
6/30	5:27	8:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/16	6/24	6/1	6/8

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	4:10	**10:55**	4:45	**11:25**
FRI.	5:05	**11:55**	5:40	—
SAT.	6:05	**12:25**	6:40	**12:55**
SUN.	7:05	**1:30**	7:40	**1:55**
MON.	8:10	**2:30**	8:40	**2:55**
TUES.	9:10	**3:25**	9:35	**3:45**
WED.	10:00	**4:15**	10:25	**4:30**
THURS.	10:45	**5:05**	11:15	**5:30**

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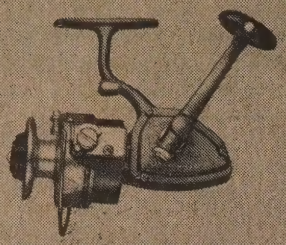

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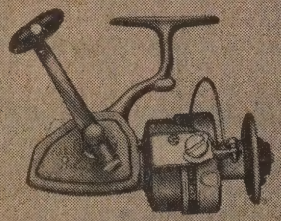

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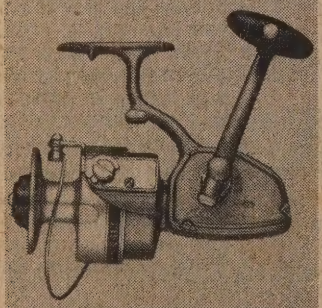

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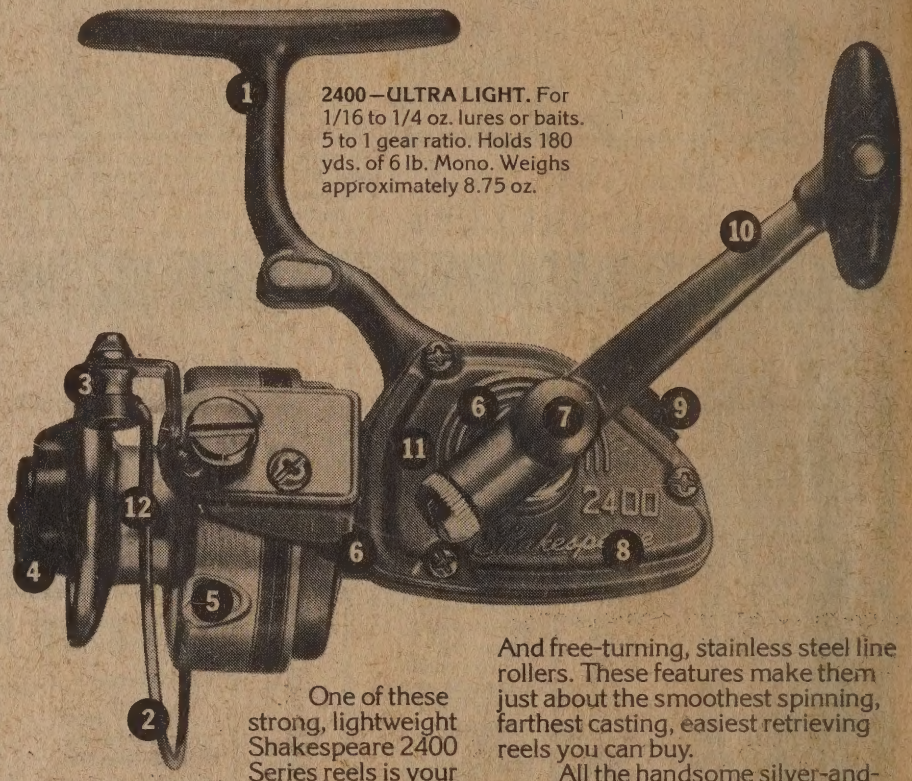

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